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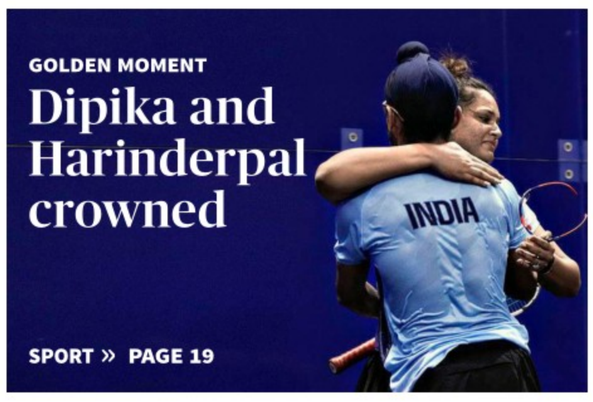

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BENGALURU
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Tenders for tunnel roads soon: DKS

BENGALURU
Work is under way to call tenders to build tunnel roads in the city in the next 45 days, Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar said on Thursday. » PAGE 3

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Sikkim flood death count mounts to 14

100 people, including 22 Armymen, yet to be located; 11 bridges washed away; key national highway in very bad state; 26 relief camps set up

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Herculean task: Army personnel trying to recover trucks buried in slush after the flash floods in north Sikkim. ANI

The confirmed death toll from the flash floods in Sikkim rose to 14 on Thursday with 102 people, including 22 Army personnel, still missing after the glacier-fed Lhonak lake in north Sikkim triggered a flash flood in the Teesta river basin on Wednesday.

The floods have severely damaged the Chungthang dam that is the mainstay of a key hydropower project, the Teesta-3, situated along the Teesta river that courses through Sikkim, West Bengal and Bangladesh.

The State government has set up 26 relief camps in the four affected districts, the Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority said on Thursday, with at least 1,025 people taking shelter in the eight relief camps in Gangtok district.

The flood destroyed 11 bridges in the State, with eight bridges getting washed away in Mangan district alone. Two bridges were destroyed in Namchi and one in Gangtok.

The National Highway-10, considered the lifeline of the State, sustained extensive damage at several places.

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Varuna Mitra registers spike in calls from farmers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The southwest monsoon, which fuels agricultural activities in the State and ended with a deficit of 28% this year, has left farmers anxious.

Data submitted to the Central team, which is in Karnataka, to assess the drought situation shows that the number of calls to the helpdesk in the kharif season increased to 11.68 lakh in 2023 from 9.14 lakh in 2022, a rise of 27.7%.

Varuna Mitra, the 24/7 interactive helpdesk set up to provide information on rainfall forecast and other weather parameters, received a record 3.08 lakh calls in June when the entry of southwest monsoon was delayed. The app received 2.68 lakh calls in June 2022.

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No evidence against Sisodia except for a statement, SC tells ED

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Manish Sisodia

The Supreme Court on Thursday orally observed that the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has to establish an unbroken chain of evidence linking former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia with the liquor lobby in the excise scam case.

"You have to establish a chain. The money has to flow from the liquor lobby to the person. We know it is difficult to establish the chain as everything is done undercover... but that is where your competence lies," Justice Sanjiv Khanna, who headed the Bench, addressed Additional Solicitor General S.V. Raju, appearing for the ED.

The court observed that except a statement made by businessman Dinesh Arora, an accused-turned-approver, there was no proof against Mr. Sisodia. Justice Khanna noted that a policy may be changed to generate money following pressure from a particular lobby, but provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) would be attracted only after the proceeds of a crime, in this case bribe, was paid.

The court asked whether there was any proof or indication to actively connect Mr. Sisodia, represented by senior advocate A.M. Singhvi, with the alleged money laundering activities.

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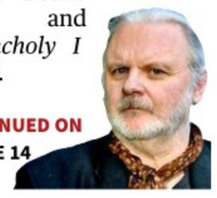
Norway's Jon Fosse wins Nobel for literature

Agence France-Presse
STOCKHOLM

Norway's Jon Fosse, whose plays are among the most widely staged of any contemporary playwright in the world, won the Nobel Prize in literature on Thursday.

The Swedish Academy said the 64-year-old was honoured "for his innovative plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable".

Written in Norwegian Nynorsk language, Mr. Fosse's oeuvre spans a variety of genres – plays, novels, poetry collections, essays, children's books and translations, the jury noted. His major works include *Boathouse* and *Melancholy I* and *II*.



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Classics that have gone into WC lore

The quadrennial extravaganza has produced some great cricket ever since Madan Lal bowled its first ball on a summer morning in England in 1975. *The Hindu* picks 10 great matches of all time

Dictating the fortunes: Clive Lloyd's blistering hundred, Kapil's incredible innings, Inzamam's assault on the New Zealand bowlers, Warne's wizardry and a tragicomic run out were some of the highlights of the World Cups held between 1975 and 1999. FILE PHOTOS

P.K. Ajith Kumar

West Indies beats Australia by 17 runs. Lord's, 1975

The final of the inaugural World Cup had everything: A sensational 85-ball 102 by the West Indies captain Clive Lloyd, an exceptional spell from left-arm swing bowler Gary Gilmour (five for 48 off 12 overs), an incredible show of fielding by the great Viv Richards, who featured in three run-outs, Keith Boyce's four-wicket haul, and a gritty last wicket stand of 41 between Jeff Thompson and Dennis Lillee.

India beats Zimbabwe by 31 runs. Tunbridge Wells, 1983

Kapil Dev's innings against Zimbabwe at Tunbridge Wells defied belief. Nobody except Kim Hughes had given the Indian team any chance before the tournament began. The Australian captain called India the dark horse.

The captain's unbeaten 175 off 138 balls – mind you, this was very much the pre-T20 era – after coming in at nine for four, which soon became 17 for five, took his team to 266 for eight (60 overs). Dev's Devils would go on to prove Hughes right in the tournament, of course.

Pakistan beats New Zealand by four wickets. Auckland, 1992

Inzamam-ul-Haq's sensational innings ensured that Pakistan continued its fairytale Down Under -- from the brink of elimination. The young batter used the World Cup as the perfect stage to showcase his class and exquisite strokes. Chasing the host's 262 for seven in the semifinal, Pakistan was in some trouble when it lost captain Imran Khan and Salim Malik within a space of few balls, but Inzamam's stunning 60 off 37 balls, in the blink of an eye, took Pakistan to its maiden final.

Australia beats West Indies by five runs. Mohali, 1996

In this epic semifinal, Australia was reduced to 15 for four inside 10 overs, Curtly Ambrose and Ian Bishop doing the damage. But Stuart Law (72) and Michael Bevan (69) helped Australia make 207 for eight. In the chase, from 165 for two in the 42nd over, West Indies slid to 202 all out with three balls still left, as Shane Warne (four for 36) and Damien Fleming bowled Australia to the final.

Australia ties with South Africa. Edgbaston, 1999

In the World Cup's first-ever tie, Australia made a modest 213, thanks largely to the fifth-wicket stand of 90 between captain Steve Waugh (56) and Michael Bevan (65). A 16-ball 31 not out by Lance Klusener took South Africa almost home, but Alan Donald was run out off the fourth ball of the final over. South Africa choked. Not many at the time would have imagined the Proteas would go on to turn choking into a fine art.

Australia beats England by two wickets. Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth), 2003

When you register the second-best bowling figures in World Cup history, you deserve to win, even if your batters let you down. If you are Andy Bichel, you make 34 not out, while adding 73 for the unfinished ninth wicket, with that exceptional finisher, Michael Bevan (74 not out). Bichel's seven for 20 had reduced England to 204 for four eight, but Australia's chase was wobbling at 48 for four. Bichel hadn't padded up yet, in all likelihood.

India ties with England. Bengaluru, 2011

Two extraordinary innings on either side of the dinner break lit up the Chinnaswamy Stadium. Neither Sachin Tendulkar (120, 115b) nor England captain Andrew Strauss (158, 145b) deserved to end up on the losing side. They didn't. It was the highest individual ODI score by an England batter at the time, Strauss beating his own record, and it nearly gave his team a famous victory, but Munaf Patel gave only one run off the last ball to Graeme Swann.

India beats Sri Lanka by six wickets. Wankhede, 2011

No team had won the World Cup at home. No team had chased down in a final a target in excess of 250. For all his genius, Sachin Tendulkar had never won the World Cup.

It took a captain's innings from Mahendra Singh Dhoni (91 not out off 79 balls) -- after Gautam Gambhir's 97 -- to change all that. He promoted himself up the door in response to Sri Lanka's 274 for six, built around Mahela Jayawardene's delectable 103 not out off 88 balls.

New Zealand beats South Africa by four wickets. Auckland, 2015

Grant Elliott played one of the great World Cup innings to take New Zealand to its first ever final. At the receiving end was the country of his birth, South Africa, which had set a D/L method target of 298 off 43 overs.

When five runs were required from the last two balls, Elliott (84 not out, 73 balls) swung the great Dale Steyn over long-on for a six -- a shot he, or the 41,000-odd excited spectators at the Eden Park -- will remember forever.

England ties with New Zealand. Lord's, 2019

Few World Cup finals - of any sport - have produced as much drama. First, an incredible knock from Ben Stokes (84 not out, 98b) helped the host tie the match; it lost its last wicket off the last ball, chasing New Zealand's 241 for eight.

In the Super Over, England made 15 for no loss and Jofra Archer defended that score. The match was tied for the second time, but England won its first World Cup, having scored more boundaries.

Memorable vignettes: Bichel's all-round performance in 2003, Tendulkar and Strauss' centuries in the tied game in 2011, Dhoni's six sealing the World Cup triumph for India in 2011, Elliott's match-swinging knock in the 2015 semifinal and Buttler running out Guptill to give England a fantastic win in the 2019 will be etched in memory forever. FILE PHOTOS

INBRIEF

Hazaar Bazaar fair at Christ today

A four-day event titled 'Jharokha – a window to a sustainable world', organised by the Department of Liberal Arts, Christ (Deemed to be University), Bannerghatta Road campus began on Wednesday.

A series of workshops on knitting and embroidery, block printing and recycling crafts were conducted in the first two days. On Friday, there will be a Hazaar Bazaar fair with artisans and small businesses putting up stalls showcasing a variety of cultures and crafts from across the country.

Apart from this, there will be competitions on photography, mehndi, saree draping and so on, according to a release from Christ.

E-paper edition

The Hindu offers more coverage of Bengaluru in the e-paper edition. (epaper.thehindu.com)

In the issue dated October 6, we take a look at how driven by giant strides in AI and other technologies, carpooling has turned smarter and seamless, with a huge potential to marry comfort with commerce. But trapped in a twister of high taxes, yellow board registrations, permit issues, and intense competition, taxi drivers see this as an existential threat to their business.

Text & Context and Science

Weekday features on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and quizzes. In the latest issue (October 6, Friday), the following articles are available:

- Elder mental health care comes into prominence **bit.ly/stayhealthyforlong**
- Centre needs to prioritise care for childhood cancers **bit.ly/cancersupportforall**

You can use your smartphone's inbuilt features to access these articles. If it's an Android phone, use Google Lens to read and tap the url to access an article. If it's an iPhone, use Live Text on camera to do the same.

Namma Yatri launches disability friendly services

Features include allowing users to disclose disabilities on their profiles and personalising assistance from drivers. There is also an interface for those with visual impairment

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Improving accessibility: The 'Purple Rides' initiative has been launched in association with EnAble India, an NGO.

The auto-hailing app Namma Yatri on Thursday launched the 'Purple Rides' initiative to make mobility disability friendly by enabling drivers to understand and customise their assistance for users with visual, hearing, or physical impairments.

The initiative was launched with EnAble India, an NGO dedicated to empowering persons with disabilities (PwD). "With over 3,500 customers and 1,300+ drivers completing 6,000+ Purple Rides (the feature was available on an experimental basis), the initiative for inclusive mobility is gaining momentum. Today, most ride-hailing apps overlook disability friendliness. What began as a feedback session for improving accessibility within the Namma Yatri app evolved into a deep collaboration with EnAble India. Both teams worked closely to solve the problem from the ground up," a press release stated.

The features include allowing users to disclose disabilities on their profiles and personalising assistance from drivers. The app adapts based on the disclosed disabilities, such as disabling phone calls from drivers for hearing-impaired users. It also features an interface for those with visual impairment and is compatible with talkback features.

Magizhan Selvan, chief product officer at Juspay Technologies which built the app, said, "Namma Yatri's primary goal is to improve empathy and customer-centricity of our drivers, and 'Purple Rides' aligns perfectly with our vision. We are grateful to EnAble India for making this initiative a reality. This partnership begins a deeper collaboration to drive further innovation and scale."

The Namma Yatri app is a product of Bengaluru's Auto Rickshaw Drivers' Union (ARDU). Backed by the Beckn Foundation (by Infosys cofounder Nandan Nilekani), it was launched in November 2022 in partnership with the city's auto drivers. It is an open-source app and does not take any commission from drivers. It is also available in the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC). The ONDC is a technology platform backed by the Union government to facilitate direct seller-to-customer transactions, cutting out middlemen.

At present, the service is available in Bengaluru and Mysuru.

Habitual offender arrested for robbing elderly women

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Doddabelavangala police arrested a 40-year-old habitual offender and recovered gold valuables worth ₹25.9 lakh which he had robbed from elderly women after promising to help them get financial aid.

The accused, Manjesha, was arrested based on a complaint from Puttamma, 65, of Doddabelavangala who had lost a gold chain and a pair of bangles. Manjesha met Puttamma when she had come to update her Aadhaar and noticed she was wearing a gold chain and bangles.

The accused lured her under the pretext of a fake government scheme offering ₹10,000 to senior citizens. He took her to enrol her for the "scheme" and on the pretext of getting her photograph for the application, asked her to remove her valuables and kept them in the boot space of his scooter.

The accused later took her inside a photo studio, left her there and escaped with the valuables. Based on the complaint, the police identified the accused through CCTV camera footage and tracked him down when he came to a jewellery shop to dispose of the valuables. Based on his confession, the police recovered 590 grams of gold valuables worth ₹25.9 lakh in 12 similar cases.

Police recover gold valuables worth ₹25.9 lakh from him

30 arrests

Manjesh is among 30 people arrested by the Doddaballapura sub-division police in over 56 criminal cases from whom they recovered valuables worth over ₹1 crore.

Marijuana seized

The Doddaballapura Rural police arrested a 25-year-old peddler and seized marijuana worth ₹7 lakh from him. The accused, Shivappa, was caught while he was waiting near a private school for his clients to deliver the narcotic. The police also raided a concrete mixture plant at Medahalli and arrested a labourer from West Bengal who was growing ganja plants on the premises and selling them to local peddlers and his clients. The police recovered ganja plants worth ₹2 lakh and arrested Bisarul Sheikh under the NDPS Act.

Woman found dead under mysterious circumstances; family alleges murder by husband

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 23-year-old woman was found dead under mysterious circumstances in her house at Yelahanka 3rd Stage on Wednesday.

The deceased has been identified as Rekha, who had married Santosh, a welder by profession, two years ago, according to the police. The couple has a daughter.

Her family alleged that Santosh used to harass Rekha for dowry and accused him of killing her before hanging her body to make it look like a suicide. Based on the complaint, the police have taken up a case of dowry death and are awaiting the post-mortem report to ascertain the cause of death. Santosh, meanwhile, got himself admitted to a hospital citing health issues.

Biker knocked down by BMTC bus

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 24-year-old biker was killed when a BMTC bus knocked him down near Mother Diary junction at Yelahanka on Wednesday.

The deceased, Bharath Reddy, a resident of Mattikere who worked at a civil contractor's office, was returning home from work when the accident occurred. The bus driver fled the scene after the accident and later surrendered before the police.

ED search on properties of Cong. leader

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

Officers of the Enforcement Directorate are said to have been conducting searches on the properties that belong to R.M. Manjunath Gowda, Congress leader and president of the Shivamogga District Cooperative Central Bank.

Mr. Gowda was elected to the post on September 29. He assumed the office for the sixth time. Earlier, he was an accused of irregularities in the bank.

The officers are searching his houses in Tirthahalli and Shivamogga.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public that Original Allotment Letter dated 07.04.2003 Vide No. BDA/DS-4/1542/BLK-I/SMVL/2003-04, in the name of **Smt.Chandrika.P** in respect of Property No.1542, Situated at **01st Block, Sir.M.Vishweshwaraiah Layout, Bangalore** has been lost, All the persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said Documents. If anyone has already carried out or being carried out kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within **07 days** from this present.

Y. Sowmya Yadav, Advocate
Samvruddhi Legal, # 83, Ground Floor, 5th 'A' Cross, 21st Main, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-78. **M : 9916343921**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client has negotiated to purchase Immovable Property bearing **Site No.3, formed in Site No.`E', BBMP No.68/1, Khata Serial No. 1371, 1074/228/2/E/68/1, situated at Horamavu Agara, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No.25 (Horamavu)** (earlier Site No. `E', House List No.228/2, property No.68/1, Horamavu Agara Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore) MEASURING : East to West : 50 Feet : North to South : 25 Feet., **BOUNDED ON THE:** EAST BY : Site No.`D' (H.L. No.228/1), WEST BY : 25 Feet Road, NORTH BY : Plot No.2, formed in Site No.`E' SOUTH BY : Plot No.4, formed in Site No.`E' , from **1. Mr. N. DHARMALINGAM**, S/o. (Late) Mr. K.C.Natesan Mudaliar, and **2. Mr. K. SHIVAKUMAR,** S/o. (Late) Mr. Kadirvelu. If any person/s are having any objections or claims in respect of the above sale the same be lodged with documentary proof within **7 days** from today failing which our client will get the Sale Deed registered and it shall be deemed there are no claims of any nature whatsoever.

K.M.A.PERES, VIREN MICHAEL PERES, Advocates, No.46/1-1, Wheeler Road, Bangalore- 560005, Mobile: 9845000414. E-mail. peresoffice@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of My client **Smt.Suma Gururaj w/o Sri.Gururaj** to bring the notice of the general public that the original registered sale deed doc.No.3544/1978-79 of Book-I, Volume-3056, Page 505-508 registered on 22.03.1978, executed by The NTI Employees Housing Co-Operative Society Limited., in favour of Smt.Suma Gururaj w/o Sri.Gururaj is missing / lost/ misplaced in respect of schedule property.

If any person/s, firm, company, institution or organization has any claim are holding the afore mentioned document, they may contact the undersigned in writing within **7 days** from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

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All the piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing site **No.288,** presently BBMP Katha No.274/3074/288, situated at **NTI Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Narasipura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore Urban,** measuring East by: 60ft., West by : 60ft., and North by : 40ft., South by : 40ft., in all measuring **2400 Sq.Feet,** and bounded by: **East by : Road, West by : Site No.287, North by : Road, South by : Site No.289**

H. Prahlada, Advocate & Solicitor, **For H.P.Law,** #2, 3rd Floor, Venkateshwara Complex, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022 M : 7760061073, 9886036512

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC that Rajendar Gopinath and Thankam Rajendar (owners), have irrecoverably lost the original Registered Sale Deed dated 27-12-2000 (Document No. 4303/2000, SRO Hosur) for farm land plot numbers 754 and 755 comprised in survey No. 150/2B.

If the above document is found by any person, the same may be handed over to the undersigned. And, if any person or institution has any objection, interest, claim or charge in respect of the above title deed, by virtue of custody of the original or in any other capacity, such claim, objection or interest shall be intimated to me or to the undersigned **within 7 days of this notice;** failing which, it shall be presumed that the property is free from all encumbrances or litigation.

Sd/- Rajendar Gopinath
Place: Bangalore
Mobile No. 9449187568

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 AT BANGALORE
O.A. No. 144 of 2022

M/s. CANARA BANK
SME MAHADEVAPURA BR., B'LORE-48.
Rep. by its Chief Manager **V/s. ....APPLICANT**
Sri. DINESH S.
....DEFENDANT

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF DRT (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

Sri. DINESH S.
Aged about 49 Yrs, S/o. Late B. Subraya-Thoddinnaaya, **Prop. M/s. ARUNA TRAVELS, @** # 17, 1st Main Road, 4th Cross, Siddahalli, Bangalore-560 073.

WHEREAS the above named Applicant has instituted an application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks & Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against the defendant for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 83,38,938/=** alongwith court costs, together with current & future interest and other reliefs from the date of application till date of recovery. You are hereby required **to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons or on 10th day of Nov. 2023 at 10:30 a.m.** either in person or duly instructed pleader as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that, in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 28th day of June 2023 at Bangalore.

Sd/- (REGISTRAR)
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1 for Karnataka BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bangalore-560 001.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
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Date: 05.10.2023

E-TENDER NOTICE - CORRIGENDUM-I

On behalf of the President of India,item rate tenders are invited for the following work:

Name of work	**AMC for Operation & Maintenance of Electrical & AC Installations at LPSC (B) Campus, Bengaluru-560 008.**
Tender Notice No.	**CMD/LPSC(B)/E/MT/26/2023-24 dated 03.10.2023**
Estimated Amount	**₹ 40.10 Lakhs (Revised Amount)**
Period of completion	**12 Months**
Sale Period	**From 04.10.2023 to 15.10.2023**
Earnest Money Deposit	**₹ 80,200/- (Revised Amount)**

Interested tenderers may please refer **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** Also, detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details can be downloaded from website **www.isro.gov.in**

Sd/- Head, CMD, LPSC (B)

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No.Sup/CR/158/2023-24 **Date:22.09.2023**

SHORT TERM RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sub: Invitation of Short term Re-Tender for the supply of Essential Surgical Item to the Associated Hospitals of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, Mysuru.

The Short term Re-Tender has been invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Act 1999 for the supply of Essential Surgical Items to the associated hospitals of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, Mysuru, for the period of One year or until further orders (which ever is earlier). The Tender documents may be downloaded from E-procurement website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **06.10.2023** and last date for submission of Tenders through E-procurement website is **20.10.2023 upto 5.00 PM.** Those tenders which are not submitted with E.M.D. will be rejected.

If, the last date for submission of Tender treated as holiday, the next working day will be considered as last date. No Notification in this regard will be announced.

Sd/- Director & Dean,
DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/479/23-24 **Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, Mysuru**

ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL
K KAMARAJ ROAD, BANGALORE-42
E.mail ID: apsbangalore@gmail.com Tele No: 080-25581238
LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION – 12th OCT 2023 (1200HRS)

TENDERS ARE INVITED FOR THE WORK/SUPPLY AT ARMY PUBLIC CHOOL, K KAMARAJ ROAD, BANGALORE-42

Tender No	Description of Work
APS/92/2023-24	Seven-Seater School Van
APS/93/2023-24	Prefabricated hall for minimum 200 persons with seating, stage and other allied electrical and fittings
APS/94/2023-24	Networking of 40 Ports Lane Connection for Ground, First and Second Floor of school main building for connecting with TAG infrastructure (Details on school website)
APS/95/2023-24	Purchase of House Banners, Flags, SS Lancer Sets with Flags and other allied items for the school
APS/96/2023-24	Purchase of Apple i-Phone 12/13 (64 GB)
APS/97/2023-24	Purchase Sports Jerseys & Items (Details on school website)

Separate quotations are invited for the above mentioned works/ supply of items. Submit sealed quotation super scribed on the envelope **"TENDER FOR_____"** to reach **AT ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL** on or before 12th Oct 2023 by 1200 hrs.

Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited
O/o General Manager cum Chief Engineer,
Ranchi Electric Supply Area Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi- 834002
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2	Providing Patients Visitor's Lounge with Toilet and Development works to Chaluvamba Hospital, Mysuru.	50.53	1,01,200.00	ಮೂರನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ & ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು

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Preparing for the grey: elder mental health care comes into prominence

World Elders Day is observed on October 1, and Mental Health Day on October 10. While that might be a coincidence in this month, India's increasingly greying population means we need to pay urgent attention to both senior citizens and their mental health

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There are more older people on the globe now than ever before in the history of humanity. In 2022, the number above 60 was 1.1 billion, comprising 13.9 % of the population. By 2050, the number of older people is expected to increase to 2.1 billion, constituting 22 %. India is not far behind. It had 149 million older adults (10.5 %) in 2022, This figure will grow to 347 million (20.8 %) by 2050 according to projections. The bottom line is that many of us are living longer than our ancestors.

Despite this imminent crisis, we know little about healthy ageing and elders' mental health. Even worse, we have many misconceptions and fears about ageing, especially mental health problems in older people, such as depression, anxiety, and dementia.

Getting old is a normal physiological process. For convenience, we can consider ageing in the physical, social, and psychological domains. It is important to remember that the issues in each domain interact with one another, within and outside the domains.

The physical aspects of ageing are apparent, for example, greying hair and decreasing muscle mass. However, there is considerable heterogeneity, with no two 70- or 80-year-olds being similar. We know of active, marathon-fit elders, while others, perhaps younger by a few years, are immobile. Also, different organs age differently, some faster than others, depending on genes, lifestyle, environment, and diseases.

Care infrastructure for the aged is not keeping up with the growing numbers. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

A vulnerable phase

Increased dependency, social isolation, poverty, ageism, pessimism, and nihilism are significant social challenges our elders face. They are vulnerable to emotional, physical, sexual, and financial abuse by others. Often, the perpetrators are known to them, commonly a family member. Many towns and cities in India are not "elder-friendly". Many public buildings are inaccessible without ramps or handrails, pavements are non-existent, uneven, or used for parking, and public transport is limited. These make access to health care services difficult .

Coming to the psychological aspects, as we age, we are expected to be wiser, with a broader understanding of "life" and its challenges from our experience, either personal or vicarious. Erik Erikson proposed 'Ego integrity versus Despair' as his final psychosocial development stage in a human. According to him, older persons should view their accomplishments positively. They would be filled with despair if they did not consider themselves successful. Indian culture emphasises "acceptance" of the past, the present and the future as a means of achieving "peace of mind" in old age. "Accepting" the limitations that old age imposes on us and "renouncing" our responsibilities without a sense of suffering or loss are essential to age well psychologically. However, this is not easy, and many elders struggle to accept the changes accompanying ageing. As Abraham Lincoln said " .. It is not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years".

Many elderly men specially feel lost and become unproductive after retirement. It is critical to develop from a young age, other interests in life, be it music, sports, social work , domestic responsibilities etc. This helps mitigate the feeling of lack of purpose after retirement which very often leads to depression.

Mental illness

Roughly 15 % of elders (22 million in India) have serious mental illness. To provide a context to this number, if we were to bring all the elders with mental illness from all over India together, we would need two cities the size of Chennai to accommodate them. Common mental health problems elders face are depression, anxiety, dementia, and substance use disorders.

Often, elders with mental illness do not seek treatment and the "treatment gap" is a staggering 90 % in India. A lack of awareness among the public and healthcare professionals is the main reason for this vast gap. Many symptoms of mental illness in the elders are dismissed as "normal" for ageing.

Also, we have seen that many healthcare professionals are pessimistic about treatment of mental health problems in elders. Families are often asked to lock their relatives with dementia in a room, as nothing much can be done for them. This is far from the truth, as many confuse treatment with cure. While we do not have a cure for a neurodegenerative condition such as dementia, there are treatments that can reduce their suffering, improve their quality of life, and reduce the burden on families.

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In addition, elders with mental illness face the double whammy of stigma associated with ageing and mental illness. Stigma makes it difficult for families to admit that an older relative has a mental illness and also creates reluctance to take them for treatment. Poverty and lack of access to services are other important factors. Most elders in India are impoverished and lack access to health care. Many interventions, such as psychosocial treatments, day centres, and particular medicines, are available only to a limited extent in cities.

Rural outreach

To address some of these challenges, especially in rural communities, the SCARF (Schizophrenia Research Foundation) has partnered with Azim Premji Foundation to raise awareness about elder mental health in four rural Taluks of Chengalpet district in Tamil Nadu, reaching more than 350 villages. They have recruited 60 volunteers from these villages. These volunteers are sensitised about mental health problems elders face, and they encourage elders to seek help from the SCARF community outreach team and other service providers, including the District Mental Health Programme. The aim is to create a network in the rural community to improve elders' mental health.

The Indian tradition of a joint family system has many advantages that supports elders. The multi-generational interactions and bonds fostered in joint families are crucial to the well-being of elders while providing essential care for children and young adults. Unfortunately, joint families are rare now, even in villages, due to migration, both within and outside the country, and smaller family sizes.

Festivals and rituals also encourage socialisation for elders. Drawing "kolams" or "rangolis" requires complex cognitive skills that help to keep the brain active. We risk losing the potential protective effects of these traditions and rituals.

In future, given that most readers of this article will age, we need to ensure that mental health services are available for elders in our community. The co-ordinated actions of the individual, families, civic society, private organisations, non-governmental organisations, and government can achieve healthy ageing.

At the individual level, we need to plan for our old age with financial savings and lifestyle changes to maintain good physical health and a satisfying social life.

Healthy ageing, as a concept, should be introduced in the school curriculum. At a community level, services for elders with mental illness should be available and accessible.

Elder-friendly designs

City and town planners should consider elder-friendly designs to improve mobility and reduce dependency.

Many retirement homes and elder care facilities are available in cities now, providing excellent care and a fantastic opportunity for elders to beat social isolation. These may fill the void left by the loss of the joint family system. However, most of them cannot care for those with dementia or other mental illness, which needs to be addressed urgently.

The government must frame policies for elders with mental illness, allocate resources, and implement services. We must remember that caring for our elders is everyone's responsibility.

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Treating cancer in children costs money and requires parents to spend time away from work. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

Govt. 'needs to prioritise childhood cancers'

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Another Childhood Cancer Awareness Month has concluded, and doctors say more needs to be done to better manage paediatric cancers. Raising awareness, ensuring treatment by specialists, increasing care centres, making treatments affordable and above all prioritising childhood cancers are the need of the hour.According to the International Agency for Research on Cancer, World Health Organisation, an estimated 4,00,000 children and adolescents aged 0 to 19 years are diagnosed with cancer per year worldwide.

In Tamil Nadu, according to R. Swaminathan, professor and head, Department of Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Cancer Registry and associate director, Cancer Institute (WIA), a total of 2,513 new cancers occurred among children in 2022, accounting for 2.9% of cancers in all ages. It occurred in the ratio of 123 boys to 100 girls. The rate of occurrence was 100 per million boys and 80 per million girls. Leukemia, lymphoma, brain and central nervous system tumours were the most common.

Paediatric cancers are two to three per cent of all cancers diagnosed in India. Blood cancers - leukemia - are the most common in children followed by brain tumours, Venkataraman Radhakrishnan, professor, Medical and Paediatric Oncology, Cancer Institute Chennai, said. "Lack of awareness is one of the main challenges. There are no specific symptoms; fever, headaches, vomiting and abdominal pain are some symptoms but these usually mimic common infections, resulting in late diagnosis. People do not know this, and children are brought in when the disease has

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advanced," he said.

"Cost of care is increasing. Bills can rise due to infections and treatments in ICUs, raising the need for full insurance coverage. Common blood cancers cost ₹ 5 to ₹ 6 lakh but insurance provides a maximum of ₹ 1 to ₹ 1.5 lakh. We need better insurance cover for childhood cancers," Dr. Radhakrishnan said.

He said India accounts for 18% to 20% of the world's burden of paediatric cancer. "Historically, the Government of India has not prioritised paediatric cancers. It does not feature in the national cancer control policy. What is needed is a major policy shiftt, recognising paediatric cancers and including them in the national policy.

Aruna Rajendran, Haemato Oncologist and Bone Marrow Physician, Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, said awareness and diagnosis has improved. With leukaemia being the major group of cancers in children, tailored therapy has enabled good prognosis of at least 70%. "Relapse accounts for 20%, and relapsed leukaemia, is turning into another group of cancer in children worldwide," she added. Under the CM's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme in Tamil Nadu, coverage of ₹ 10 to ₹ 17 lakh is provided for Bone Marrow Transplantation predominantly for relapsed leukaemia, she said.

Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia needs three years of treatment, including six months of intensive chemotherapy during which the child and family should stay near the facility. The time spent by parents during the course of treatment and the time spent away from school for the child and siblings should be factored in. "Centres closer home will reduce indirect expenses for the family. There should be more shared care paediatric oncology centres," she said.

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How much do you know about ageing populations?

Saumya Kalia

QUESTION 1

_____ has the world's youngest population but is expected to see the proportion of elderly people doubling in the next three decades. Name the country.

Question 2

A 2021 report found about 5.7% of India's senior citizens live on their own, thus vulnerable to health risks and loneliness. Which two states have the highest number of people living alone without spouses or support?

QUESTION 3

There's a movement to draw attention to ageing as a medical challenge that requires investment in anti-ageing research. What is it called and when is it celebrated?

QUESTION 4

A new United Nations report found older women are more likely to be widowed, live alone, with no assets of their own. This leaves them at risk for which health condition, highest among women aged 80+?

QUESTION 5

In which year did 159 countries adopt the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, seen as a milestone in responding to the needs and challenges of an ageing population?

Visual: This country's population age-sex pyramid shows that older people outnumber the working-age people or children. Name the country. GETTY IMAGES

Tenders for tunnel roads soon: DKS

BBMP has called a short-term tender for a detailed feasibility study on interventions, including tunnel roads, grade separators, and widening of roads, in 12 high-density corridors. Tunnel road project proposal has been opposed by civic activists and urban mobility experts

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Work is under way to call tenders to build tunnel roads in the city in the next 45 days, Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar said on Thursday. This has given new momentum to the tunnel road project, which has drawn much opposition from civic activists and urban mobility experts in the city.

"We had called for a global expression of interest (EoI) to come up with a Comprehensive Bengaluru City Road Infrastructure Plan to decongest the city. A total of nine companies from across the world have participated in the EoI round, of which eight companies have qualified. We will soon select a company from among these eight to be the consultant on the project," he said.

Regular affair: A file photo of traffic on Mysuru Road, near the satellite bus stand in Bengaluru.

Many questions

"Should the tunnel road be a four-lane road or a six-lane road? Where should the tunnel road open to the roadway above and should we build tunnel roads only in the core city or extend them to the entire city? These are some of the questions we are looking at. The company that will be selected as a consultant will submit a detailed report on the same," Mr. Shivakumar said, adding that now that bigger tunnel-boring machines have been deployed elsewhere in the country, where tunnel roads are being built, tunnel roads have become more feasible.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) called a short-term tender to choose a consultant to do a detailed feasibility study (DFS) for the Comprehensive Bengaluru City Road Infrastructure Plan on September 30, a copy of which has been accessed by *The Hindu*.

While Mr. Shivakumar said the DFS was regarding tunnel roads, the tender floated by the civic body lists 12 high-density corridors, including Outer Ring Road, Ballari Road, Old Madras Road, Old Airport Road, Sarjapur Road, Hosur Road, Bannerghatta Road, and Kanakapura Road, totalling 190 km, where intervention is needed. The tender does not stipulate the intervention has to be a tunnel road only. "To prepare a comprehensive traffic management plan for the proposal of vehicular tunnel/grade separator/road-widening in selected corridors," the tender document says. The selected company will get two months' time to come up with a DFS and suggestions along these high-density corridors.

Earlier, Mr. Shivakumar had batted for a proposal to build tunnel roads along the earlier proposed network of elevated corridors totalling a length of 99 km, crisscrossing the city. However, the short-term tender for a DFS called now is more open-ended on both the kind of intervention and the alignment, even as Mr. Shivakumar has been championing tunnel roads.

'At a nascent stage'

A senior civic official said the tunnel road project, if found feasible and selected, was still at a very nascent stage. "Once the selected consultant comes up with a DFS and a proposal for interventions along these 12 high-density corridors, that needs to be put to debate and cleared by the State government, following which a company will be tasked with preparing the detailed project report (DPR), following which we need to divide the project into several phases and issue contracts for the works. This will take at least two more years," the official said.

Meanwhile, the project will require several thousands of crore and a cash-strapped State government should also explore options, including raising capital from the market, which will take time, sources said.

High-density corridors

Number	Corridor name	Approximate length (in km)
1	Ballari Road-Old Madras Road corridor – from Esteem Mall junction to Mehkri Circle to Miller Road, Kensington Road, Murphy Road to Old Madras Road	14
2	Ballari Road – from Mehkri Circle to Chalukya Circle	7
3	Old Madras Road – from Trinity Circle to Hope Farm via Budigere and K.R. Puram	25
4	Old Airport Road – from ASC junction to Yemalur junction	18
5	Sarjapur Road – from Hosur Road junction to Sarjapur	10
6	Hosur Road – from Vellara junction to Silk Board junction	6
7	Bannergatta Road – from ORR junction to Bannergatta Road BBMP limits	17
8	Kanakapura Road – from Krishna Rao Park junction to NICE Road junction	15
9	Mysuru Road – From Sirsi Circle to NICE Road	10
10	Magadi Road – from leprosy hospital junction to NICE Road	12
11	Tumakuru Road – from Yeshwantpur junction to Tumakuru Road BBMP limits	10
12	Outer Ring Road	
12 a	Goraguntepalya to K.R. Puram	18
12 b	K.R. Puram to Silk Board	16
12 c	Silk Board to Mysuru Road	12
13	Any other junction/corridor	
	Total length	**190**

From Page One

Varuna Mitra registers spike in calls

July also saw a rise in the number of calls from 2.28 lakh in 2022 to 2.52 lakh in 2023. In August, the number surged massively. While 1.95 lakh calls were received in August 2022, it increased to 3.14 lakh calls this year. Incidentally, August this year was the driest in 123 years, with a rainfall deficit of 74%. In September, the calls increased from 2.22 lakh in 2022 to 2.94 lakh in 2023.

The document submitted to the Central team said, "The monthly call volumes in the extreme deficit months rose to an all-time high reflecting the anxiety and distress of the farmers due to adverse conditions."

'Beeja Mela' to be held along with Krishi Mela from this year

A file photo of visitors at the Krishi Mela in Bengaluru.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The aim is to tackle obstacles that figure in the seed supply chain, says UAS-B VC

From this year, during the annual Krishi Mela, the University of Agricultural Science, Bangalore (UAS-B) will also hold a 'Beeja Mela' (seed fair) to tackle obstacles that figure in the seed supply chain. This was announced on Thursday by S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor of the UAS-B during the 58th Foundation Day celebration.

Two degrees

He also said that there were provisions for students to get two degrees at the same time in collaboration with foreign universities. C.L. Laxmipathi Gowda, former Deputy Director-General, International Crops Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics, Hyderabad, and co-founder of GRSV Consulting Services, Mysuru, spoke about the innovative and futuristic concepts available in education with the introduction of the National Education Policy-2020.

He suggested that all State agricultural universities should be merged and integrated as multidisciplinary education and research university. He also highlighted the importance of internship programmes with both public and private institutions which will provide a hands-on practical training and support required for young professionals in the early stages of their careers. As many as 13 people, including researchers, scientists, and students, were presented awarded across seven categories on the occasion of the Foundation Day.

Civil society groups protest against raids on journalists

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BENGALURU

Several prominent citizens and civil society organisations protested against the raids on journalists associated with the online news portal NewsClick and the arrest of its editor-in-chief Prabir Purkayastha by the Delhi police, at Freedom Park in the city on Thursday.

Arvind Narrain, president of the Peoples' Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL) - Karnataka, pointed out that the raids against NewsClick and the arrests mirror those that marked the beginning of the Emergency.

Under UAPA

"Mr. Purkayastha was arrested during the Emergency, and today under this regime, he is arrested and charged under the draconian Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act," he said.

'Rights being curbed'

Avani Chokshi, a lawyer representing the All-India Lawyers Association for Justice, said that instead of working towards realising the vision of a welfare state, this government was systematically curbing the fundamental rights of its people.

C.G. Manjula, a senior journalist, said that it was deeply disturbing that journalists were targeted simply for doing their job. She said that independent media outlets and journalists who were speaking about important issues were made to feel vulnerable under the present regime.

Anand Sahai, former president of the Press Club of India, said that such attacks on journalists did not even take place under British rule.

"This 'New India' portrays journalism as terrorism and extremism if journalists are highlighting the struggles of people and failures of the government," he said.

Press club statement

The Press Club of Bangalore in a statement said that it was deeply concerned over the raids by the Delhi police on the residences of journalists. "The Press Club of Bangalore urges for an unbiased and fast-tracked investigation in the matter while pushing for all authorities to uphold the freedom of press," it said.

THE SANCTITY OF LAW CAN BE MAINTAINED ONLY SO LONG AS IT IS THE EXPRESSION OF THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE! -BHAGAT SINGH
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In solidarity: Members of various civil society organisations and prominent citizens staging a protest against raids on journalists associated with NewsClick, in Bengaluru on Thursday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

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Bengaluru Tomorrow
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Srirangapatna Dasara from October 16

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The historical town Srirangapatna will come alive as the three-day Dasara celebrations commence from October 16.

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar of the erstwhile Mysore royal family will inaugurate the celebration on October 16 at 3 p.m.

Speaking after launching the logo of Srirangapatna Dasara in Mandya on Thursday, Minister in-charge of Mandya district N. Cheluvarayaswamy said the events portraying the culture of the land would unfold after the inaugural event. In the past, literary personalities and political leaders inaugurated the Dasara celebrations in Srirangapatna.

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GRAPHICALLY SPEAKING

No country for old women

As life expectancy rises and birth rates decline, a nation begins to see a larger proportion of its population ageing. India will soon approach a critical juncture where the proportion of the elderly will peak, placing an overwhelming strain on the working-age populace. Women, who generally outlive men, are at the centre of this crisis. As a high share of them are out of the labour force, they lack savings. They are more prone to health issues compared to men and often find basic tasks more challenging during their sunset years. They are also less aware about government schemes than men

- The share of elderly population is estimated to double to 20.8% by 2050. Also, elderly women will outnumber senior men
- Close to 30% of women above 60 years have one morbidity and nearly 25% suffer from two morbidities
- 30% of elderly women have difficulty getting out of bed, while 25% find it tough to take a bath and eat without assistance
- Less than 25% of elderly women are aware of concession schemes given by the government for senior citizens

Chart 1: Greying India

The number of senior citizens (aged 60+) in India has markedly increased since 2010, while there has been a drop in the population aged under 15. By the year 2100, seniors are projected to constitute 36% of India's total population

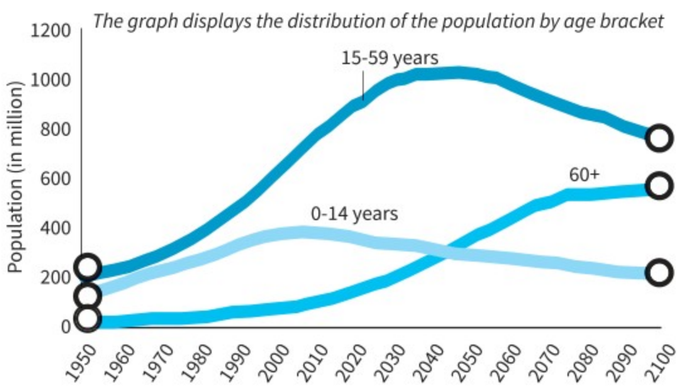


Chart 2A: Dependency by region

The graph displays the old-age dependency ratio, which represents the number of individuals aged 60 and above for every 100 people in the 15-59 age bracket. A heightened ratio indicates a significant demand for care within families

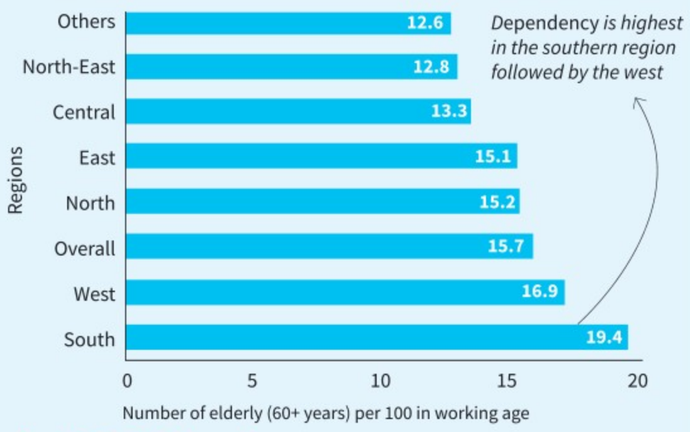


Chart 2B: Elderly and young

The graph presents the ageing index, which signifies the number of seniors (60 years and above) for every 100 children (under 15 years of age). A rise in the ageing index points to reduced fertility rates

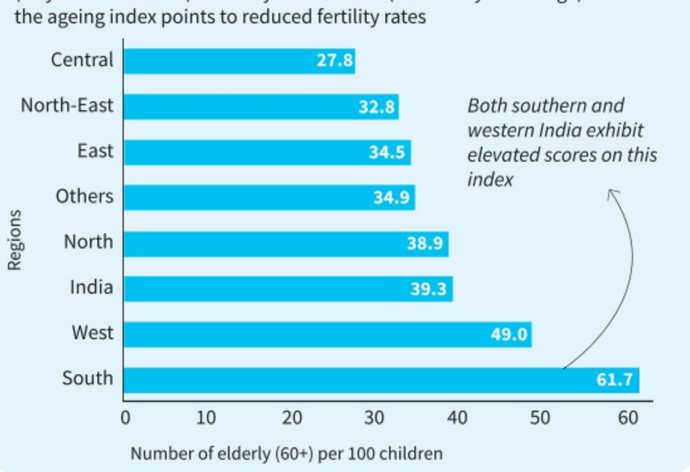


Chart 3: Sex ratio among elderly

The chart shows the number of old women per 1,000 old men in 2021 and 2011. Elderly women outnumber senior men in most regions

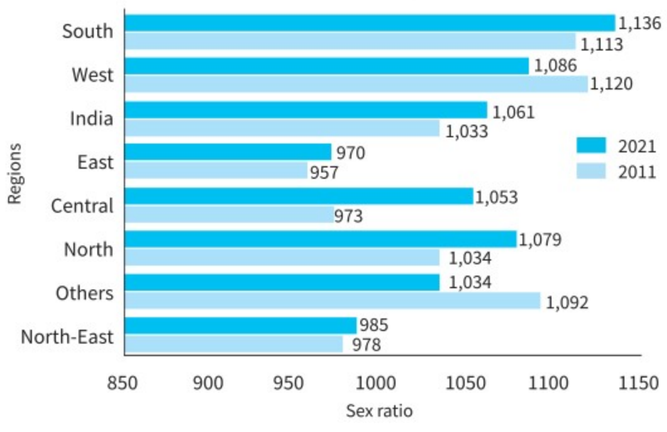


Chart 4: Working status

The graph illustrates the employment status of the senior population, segmented by gender and location. Merely 22% of senior women are employed

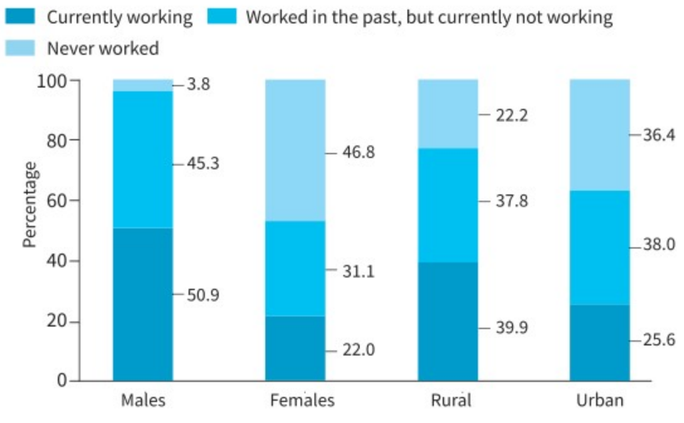


Chart 5: Disease prevalence

The chart shows the prevalence of chronic morbidities among older men and women. Elderly women had a higher prevalence of such health conditions than men

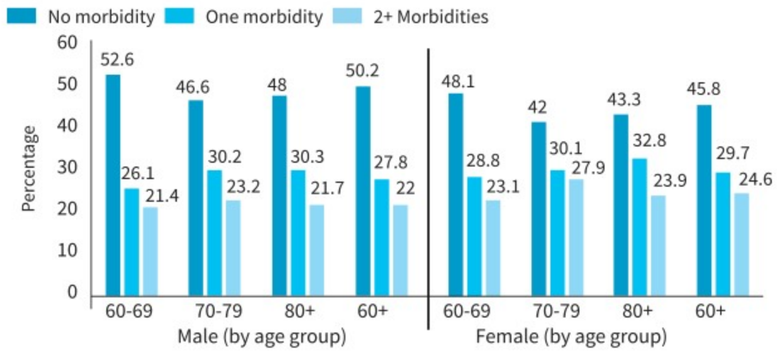


Chart 6A: Challenges faced with basic activities (elderly men)

The chart shows the % of older men experiencing difficulty in performing basic activities. The two most difficult activities were getting out of bed and using the toilet

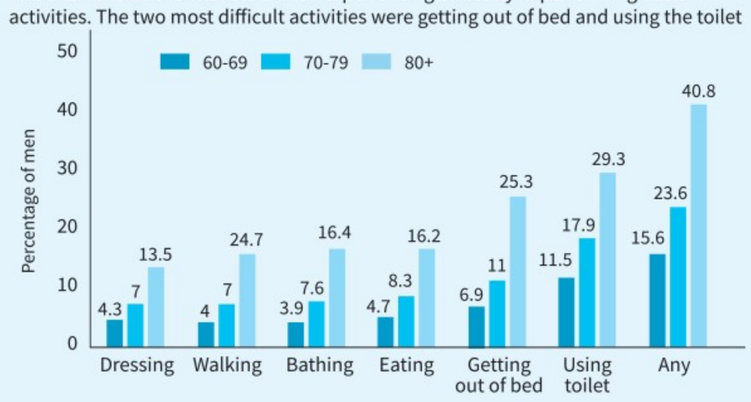


Chart 6B: Challenges faced with basic activities (elderly women)

The charts show the % of older women experiencing difficulty in performing basic activities. A relatively higher share of women than men faced difficulties

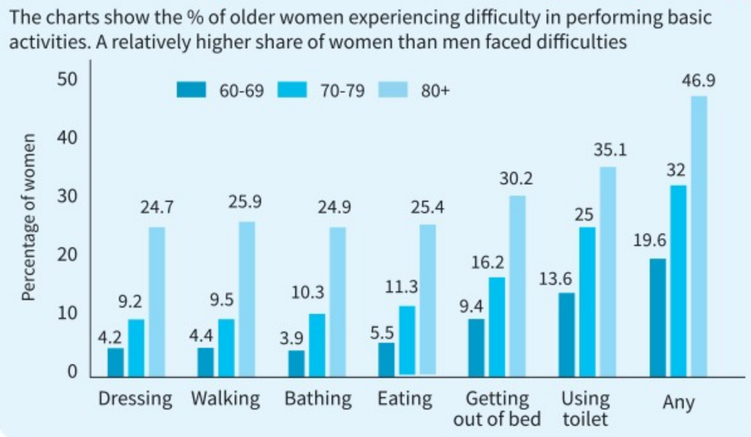
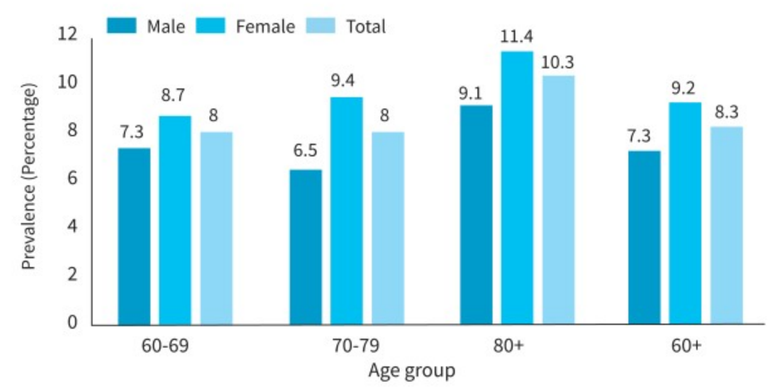


Chart 7: Depression among the elderly

The chart shows the prevalence of depression among the elderly by age and sex. The incidence of depression was higher among elderly women across age groups



47%
Share of elderly women who never worked in the past

35%
Share of elderly women who experience difficulty using the toilet

Chart 8: Utilisation of security schemes

The chart shows the share of elderly who benefit from various social security schemes. Only 24% of widowed women in BPL households receive benefits through the IGNWPS^

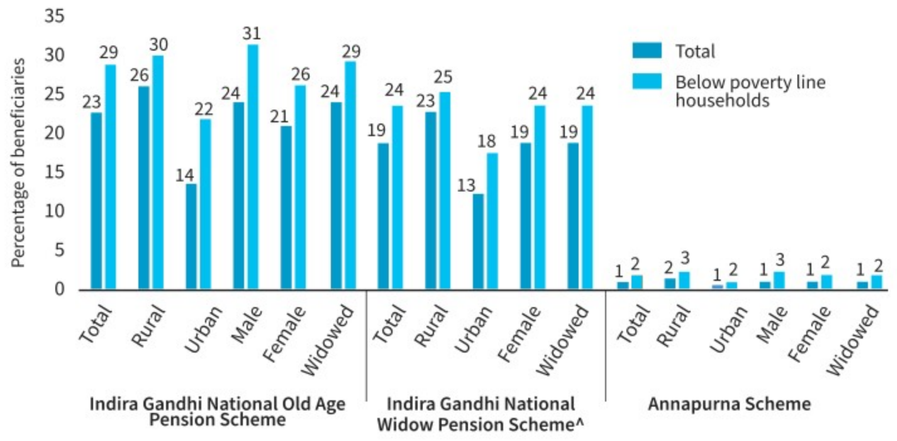


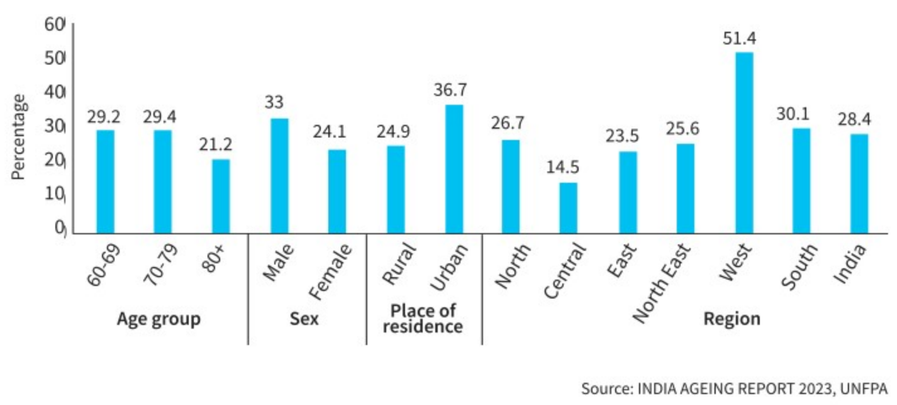
Chart 9: Hindrances in receiving benefits

The table shows the share of elderly in BPL households not utilising social security schemes. Over 47% of elderly widows believe that they are not eligible to get benefits under IGNWPS*

Reasons	Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme		Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme*	Annapurna Scheme	
	Men	Women	Women	Men	Women
No need	7.2	5.9	10.3	12.1	8.7
Not eligible	19.9	22.5	47.4	38.4	46.3
Not having documents	8.3	6.9	5.2	10.5	8.6
Not yet applied	25.6	24.5	14.9	19.9	17.3
Process is cumbersome	35.1	36.5	20	18.4	18.3
Other reasons	3.8	3.7	2.2	0.6	0.8

Chart 10: Awareness of concessions

The chart shows the share of elderly who are aware of concession schemes given by the government. The awareness of concessions is lower in rural areas and among women



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Second tranche of settlement for IMA investors cleared

55,126 people to receive a total of ₹69 crore in the next 20 days

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In what has come as a relief to investors who were cheated by the I Monetary Advisory (IMA) Group that went kaput in June 2019, the special court for cases registered under the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004, approved disbursal of a second tranche of settlement for investors on Thursday (October 5).

The Competent Authority will disburse ₹69 crore, presently available with them after auctioning movable assets of IMA, to 55,126 investors in the next 20 days.

This is the second tranche of settlement. In the first tranche, the Competent Authority disbursed ₹19.12 crore to 6,800 investors whose liability was less than ₹50,000 in 2021.

Investors fill in details of their deposits before submitting them to the Commercial Street police in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

'Equitable distribution'

The special court approved the proposed scheme by the Competent Authority to settle the claims of depositors from the available money.

The authority has proposed an "equitable distribution" method for the disbursal of funds, categorising investors and grading them as the most affected and least affected based on the returns on their investment they got when the company was giving out monthly dividends. The depositors have been divided into 10 categories based on how much money from the principal they have to get back. In this tranche, depositors will get between 2.7% to 17% of the principal they have been cheated of. For instance, those who have to get back only less than 10% of their principal will get 2.7% of the remaining principal now.

Those who have to get back 90-100% of their deposit principle will get 14.2% now, and those who are yet to get back 60-70% of their deposits will get the highest 17% of their pending principle now.

The special court, in its order on Thursday, said further settlement for depositors will be done as and when new funds are available, as per the same scheme now approved.

The Competent Authority has pegged the total liability of depositors in IMA at ₹1,400 crore. In these two tranches, the authority will settle a total of ₹88.12 crore collected from the auction of movable assets.

The authority is expected to raise nearly ₹350-375 crore from the auction of immovable assets, presently stuck in a bureaucratic hurdle as the Directorate of Enforcement has also attached them in their case.

Arif Pasha, President of the Integrated Welfare Association for IMA investors, said the order by the court would give several families that have been robbed of their life savings and living in dire straits now a fresh lease of life.

SPOTLIGHT
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Misappropriation of funds: CBI registers FIR against unidentified KSOU officials

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered an FIR against unidentified officials of the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru, and unknown others in connection with the alleged misappropriation of funds.

The anti-corruption branch (ACB) of the CBI in Bengaluru registered the FIR and the officer of the rank of Additional Superintendent of Police, ACB, CBI, Bengaluru will conduct the investigation.

The FIR said the State government gave its consent to the CBI to investigate the alleged misappropriation of fees collected for the period of 2009-10 to 2015-2016 from the students of KSOU by collaborative institutions spread over the country. The university had opened its collaborative institutions in the country and abroad. These institutions were crediting the fees collected from students towards the admission fee, examination fee, and other fees required to be credited to the university. "During the audit of accounts for 2013-14 and 2014-2015, it was found that credits to the tune of ₹50 crore from various collaborative institutions were missing. The auditor also calculated approximately another ₹250 crore missing credits pertaining to the financial years 2009-10 to 2012-13 based on the students' admission and amount received by the university etc.," according to the FIR. Based on the decision of the board of directors, KSOU decided to refer the matter to the CBI, the government issued a notification for the CBI to probe alleged misappropriation of fees collected for the period 2009-10 and 2015-16 from KSOU and its collaborative institutions.

ED attaches assets worth ₹2.77 crore in Power Bank app scam case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has attached movable assets worth ₹2.77 crore, including cryptocurrency worth ₹18.05 lakh and shares of ₹4.17 lakh, under provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in the Power Bank app-related scam.

The ED initiated the investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by Cyber Crime Police Station, CID, Bengaluru, in June 2021 against 13 accused entities under various sections of the Information Technology Act, 2000, and under Indian Penal Code.

Investigation revealed that the accused entities registered themselves with payment aggregators purporting that they were running businesses in the category of gaming, social networking, and e-commerce whereas the public was induced to invest their money through many schemes run in the name of Power Bank and Sunfactory app offering rate of interest up to 18% to be paid on daily and weekly basis. As per CID, 13 accused involved in the scam had collected nearly ₹342 crore from the public within three months – during March to May 2021. Afterwards , the accused escaped without paying any returns .The officials earlier arrested the prime accused, Anas Ahmed, and recovered properties worth ₹40.6 crore.

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Tender Notice No.70 for 2023-24

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2	Construction of Retaining Wall on Poladpur Devpur Golegani Kshetrapal Kudpan Road km 4/00 to 11/00 Taluka Poladpur, District Raigad.	1,59,73,689/-	1,60,000/-	1,180/-	12 (Month)
3	Construction of Bridge on Golegani Tutawali Kshetrapal Road VR 56 Km 2/500. Taluka Poladpur, District Raigad. (Nabard)	1,16,07,550/-	1,17,000/-	1,180/-	12 (Month)
4	Construction of Two Minor Bridge on Charai To Bandrewadi Road VR 114 Taluka Poladpur, District Raigad. (Nabard)	1,09,17,852/-	1,10,000/-	1,180/-	12 (Month)

Schedule

Seq. No.	Stage	Start		Expiry	
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1	Period of online sale & online Submission of bid documents	09/10/2023	10.00	23/10/2023	18.00
2	Pre Bid meeting in the Office of the Chief Engineer, (P.W.) Region, Kokan, Fort Mumbai (For Work No. 1) & in Office of the Supertending Engineer, Raigad (P.W) Circle, Kokan Bhavan, Navi Mumbai. (For Work No. 2)	17/10/2023	12.00 15.00		
3	Onine opening of Technical bid & Price bid (If possible) in Office of the Supertending Engineer, Raigad (P. W) Circle, Kokan Bhavan, Navi Mumbai.	25/10/2023	12.00		

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE LXI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-60)
O.S. No. 6879/2022
Hg. 27/10/2023

Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered Office at : Landmark, Racecourse Circle, Vadodara- 390007, and Branch Office at : 4/10, My three Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru- 560068. Through its Authorised Representative Mr. Rohith Ali M. ...Plaintiff

And :
Mr. Khadar Basha Shaik B. ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Mr. Khadar Basha Shaik B. S/o. Bab John Shaik Aged About 31 Years, R/at. No. 10, Sri Sai Ganesh Nilayam, Veerappadreddy Layout, Munnekolala, Near Nest Bakery, Marathalli, Bangalore- 560037.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of **Rs. 4,25,676.73/-** along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the LXI Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H. 60), in person or by a pleader, on the day of **27/10/2023** at **11:00 A.M.** to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the **23rd** day of **September, 2023** at Bangalore.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners,
Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', 3, Queens Road,
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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O. S. NO. 26952/2022

Between :
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mysthree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068 Represented by its POA Holder Sri, Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff

And :
Mr. Shabeer M. ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. Shabeer M S/o. Mr. Mayankutty, Aged about 35 years, No. M8, Shetty Layout, Garuda Charpalya, Bangalore- 560 048

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 6,61,105/- (Rupees Six Lakh Sixty One Thousand One Hundred Five Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 20) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **12/10/2023** at **11:00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **15.09.2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross,
Victoria Layout,
Bangalore - 560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE LVIII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-59)
O. S. No. 2473/2023
Hg. 23/11/2023

Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at, Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, having its head office at and Zonal office at 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068 And also having branch at MG Road, Bengaluru, through its Authorised representative Mr. Rohith Ali M. ...Plaintiff

And :
Mr. Premkumar Singh ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Mr. Premkumar Singh S/o. Tribeni Singh, Aged About 35 Years, R/at No. G-19, Needs 3 Project 100 Apartment, Haralur Road, Parapanna Agrahara, Opp to Sweet Revenge Bakery, Bengaluru-560100.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of **Rs. 4,96,036.61/-** along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the LVIII Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H- 59), in person or by a pleader, on the day of **23.11.2023** at 11:00 AM to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the **22nd** day of **September, 2023** at Bangalore.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff
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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. NO. 25454/2023

Between :
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And :
Sri Ashwani Kumar Mishra ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sri Ashwani Kumar Mishra S/o. Sri Anil Kumar Mishra, Aged about 31 years, No.11, 11th Cross, 2nd Main, Prashant Nagar, Vijaya Nagar, Bengaluru- 560 079

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 10,41,640/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Forty One Thousand Six Hundred Forty Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH- 20) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **17.11.2023** at **11.00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **29.09.2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
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Bangalore - 560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. NO. 25200/2023

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And
Pradeesh C. ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sri Pradeesh C. S/o. Chandran Velu, Aged about 31 years, No. 518/A, Nanjappa Reddy Layout, Near Venkateshwara Temple, Koramangala 8th Block, Bangalore - 560 095

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 5,12,403/- (Rupees Five Lakh Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Three Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 20) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **03/11/2023** at **11.00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **29/09/2023**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 73rd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-74)
O.S. NO. 25460/2023

Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mysthree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068. Represented by its Relationship Manager and POA Holder Ms. Mansi Singh ...Plaintiff

And
Mrs. Arogya Mary ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mrs. Arogya Mary, D/o Mr. Francis, Aged about 35 years, No. 740, New Street, Hulimavu Road, Behind Govt. Hospital, Begur, Bangalore- 560068

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 7,01,916/- (Rupees Seven Lakh One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen Only)** together with interest @24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 73rd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-74) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **13.10.2023** at **11:00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **25.09.2023**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT

DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560047

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, KAKKADASAM SRIKANTH Arun S/O , Srikanth Kaikadasam Ramaswamy aged about 51 years., presently residing at # 56, 16TH Cross, Delmia Circle J P Nagar, 4th Phase, Bangalore 560078, Karnataka, India, do hereby solemnly declare and affirm that, The Names, Arun Srikanth, Arun Kakkadasam Srikanth , Kakkadasam Srikanth Arun, Srikanth Arun Kakkadasam, Arun K . S. & K. S. Arun are different names of the same person used in few documents from time to time. Though there is a difference in the names as mentioned above, I hereby solemnly affirm and declare that all these names belong to me only. I state that I am holding PAN ABGPA0934J in the name as , Kakkadasam Srikanth Arun. Notarised and confirmed by Advocate Mr Aravind Patil

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IN THE COURT OF THE LIX ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-60)
O.S. NO. 7006/2022

Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at, Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara-390007, having its head office at and Zonal office at : 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068 And also having branch at MG Road, Bengaluru, through its Authorised representative Mr. Rohith Ali M. ...Plaintiff

And :
Mr. Rezwan Pasha ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Mr. Rezwan Pasha S/o. Mahaboob Pasha, Aged About 29 Years, R/at No.11, 5th Cross, Bazaar Street, Neelasandra, Near Santhi Nikethan School,Bangalore- 560047.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of **Rs. 4,47,228.29/-** along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the LIX Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.- 60), in person or by a pleader, on the day of **27.10.2023** at **11:00 AM** to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the **23rd** day of **September 2023** at Bangalore.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners,
Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', 3, Queens Road,
Bengaluru -01

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE IV ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-21)
O.S. NO. 26908/2022

Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at, Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068, Represented by its POA Holder Sri Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff

And :
Mr. Asif M ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. Asif M.
S/o. Mr. Mohammed Amanulla, Aged about 31 years, No. 2/1, 4th Main, Triveni Road, Yeshwanthapur, Bangalore- 560 022

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 3,56,561/- (Rupees Three Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty One Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble IV Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge **(CCH - 21)** in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **17/11/2023** at **11.00 A.M.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **26/09/2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEBUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE IV ADDL' CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-21)
O.S NO. 26784/2022
Hg.17.11.2023

Between :
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068. Represented by its POA Holder Sri Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff

And :
Mr. Mohammed Usman ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. Mohammed Usman
S/o. Mr. Mohammed Latheef, Aged about 38 years, 52A, 14th Main Road, K G Halli, Pillanna Garden, 3rd Stage, Bangalore North, Bangalore- 560 045

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs.4,57,793/- (Rupees Four Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Three Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH – 21) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made. against you on **17.11.2023** at **11:00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **26.09.2023**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL UNIT BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates, No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 26th ADDL' CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O. S. NO. 25372/2021

Between :
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mysthree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068. Represented by its Collection Manager and POA Holder Sri Pramodh Gurumallappa B ...Plaintiff

And :
Mr. Kiran D ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. Kiran D S/o. Mr. Devaraju, Aged about 30 years, R/at 51, 4th Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, T Dasarahalli, Near Shiva Temple, Bangalore North, Bangalore- 560 057

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 5,02,204/- (Rupees Five Lakh Two Thousand Two Hundred Four Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH- 20) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **26.10.2023** at **11.00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **29.09.2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross,
Victoria Layout,
Bangalore - 560 047

NEWS IN NUMBERS

The wheat sold by FCI in the 15th weekly e-auction under OMSS

1.89 in lakh tonnes. The Food Corporation of India (FCI) also sold 5,000 tonnes of rice to bulk consumers like flour millers under the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS). Wheat and rice were sold to 2,255 bidders during the e-auction. PTI

Incidents of stubble burning recorded in Punjab so far

650 Amritsar and Tarn Taran account for the maximum straw-burning incidents so far, as per the Punjab Remote Sensing Centre. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann urged farmers to shun the practice of stubble burning. PTI

The number of suspected cholera deaths in Zimbabwe

100 Since late September, 5,000 possible cases of cholera have been recorded in the country, prompting the government to impose restrictions to stop the disease spread, including restrictions on social gatherings. AP

Number of civilians killed by Russian attack on Ukraine

49 Civilians were killed in a Russian rocket strike on a village store in eastern Ukraine, one of the deadliest attacks in recent months as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy attended a summit of around 50 European leaders in Spain. AP

Amphibian species threatened in India due to climate change

136 Climate change is deteriorating amphibian species around the world and the species continues to be the most threatened class of vertebrates, new research in *Nature* journal reports. PTI

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IN THE LIMELIGHT

The slow pacing of Kannada films *Toby* and *SSE (Side A)*

These two recently released films, characterised by their raw and emotional story-telling, told in an unhurried pace, has led to several debates about the relevance of slow-burners in mainstream Kannada cinema

Vivek M.V.

In Hemanth M. Rao's intense romantic drama *Sapta Sagaradaache Ello (Side A)*, Priya (essayed by Rukmini Vasanth) sings a melody in an empty hall during a practice session. Whistles from her fiance, Manu (Rakshit Shetty), echo loudly in the auditorium as she renders the lines. Later in the movie, when Priya has to perform in front of a packed crowd, she goes silent before walking out of the stage. The camera follows her as we see Priya go backstage. She gives herself a moment. Overwhelmed by sadness, Priya bursts into tears, even as her mother rushes to console her.

The first scene described above establishes Priya as a gifted singer. The second scene, perhaps for another filmmaker, wouldn't have been as significant as it was for Hemanth because the plot has a stronger conflict than Priya's struggle to become a noted singer. At that point in time, the biggest question in our minds is, 'can Priya bring her fiance Manu out of prison?'.

But for Hemanth, creating well-rounded characters has always been a priority, like in his earlier films *Godhi Banna Sadharana Mykattu* and *Kavaludaari*. In *SSE (Side A)*, Priya's happiness lies in singing for Manu; nothing can change her mindset. Many such emotionally-stimulating scenes make the film an immersive experience. Putting themselves in the shoes of Manu and Priya, people found *SSE (Side A)* to be a haunting love story.

A still from the film *Sapta Sagaradaache Ello (Side A)*. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The beauty of going slow

Despite receiving widespread acclaim, one section of filmgoers found the movie slow, a term dreaded by filmmakers. Incidentally, Raj B. Shetty's *Toby*, released exactly a week before *SSE (Side A)*, faced the brunt of the audience for the same reason. What these two films have done is to aptly show the characteristics of slow burners, and their effect on filmgoers.

SSE (Side A) avoided the dismal fate of *Toby* by doing many things right. The former was in the making for a long time, and it's apparent that the director has ended up with a lot of footage. The decision to split the film into two was a sensible one. That being said, Hemanth doesn't cram scenes without breathing space, and he doesn't cut them abruptly. Be it the portions in prison or the proceedings in court, he is meticulous in fleshing out the sequences. *SSE (Side A)* also filled the void of a serious love story in Kannada.

Toby felt like a companion piece to Raj's *Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana* (GGVV). The familiarity factor worked against the favour of *Toby*, which was too predictable for its own good. The depth given to the characters in *SSE (Side A)* was missing in *Toby*. For instance, the character arc of a coward cop needed better writing, while a sex worker's character got nipped in the bud after a promising start.

Raj's films aren't as much about plotlines as they are about scene-building. He believes in Alfred Hitchcock's 'ticking time bomb' theory. He staged great scenes in Raj's gangster drama *GGVV* by keeping people on tenterhooks. Even if we knew how they would end up, the scenes unfolded with adequate build-up. Raj landed the final blow to those scenes to justify people's excitement. But in *Toby*, he made us wait for those moments and ultimately when they arrived, the results were underwhelming.

There is no denying that Raj was gutsy enough to attempt a 'mass' film without compromising on his signature style with *Toby*. It shows that the likes of Raj and Hemanth are among the very few directors who trust in slow-burners.

They believe in extracting emotional and intellectual responses from the audience rather than merely entertaining them.

Appreciating technique

It's interesting to observe how both the filmmakers work with their respective cameraman and music composer to aid their unhurried storytelling. Praveen Shriyan's cinematography in *GGVV* and *Toby* focused on the backdrops of the films. The wide frames showed the beauty of the locations (Mangaluru in *GGVV* and Kumta in *Toby*). Advaitha Gurumurthy in *SSE (Side A)* followed the characters closely, and attempted to bring out their deepest emotions with his close-up shots. One common factor in the cinematography of both Praveen and Advaitha is their minimalistic approach.

As for music, Raj used a lot of silence amid conversations in his films. He turned to Midhun Mukundan to elevate the action sequences. However, there is no room for silence in *SSE (Side A)*, as Charan Raj's versatile scores provoke sadness, scene after scene. It perfectly fits the story's serious tone, and the film's indulgent yet stylish nature.

Leisurely-paced yet individualistic films offer scope to analyse, and compliment the efforts of technicians like composers and cinematographers. But not all directors are as firm as Raj and Hemanth to make films true to their style. Does that mean the Kannada audience isn't yet ready for slow-burners? Maybe, yes.

The need for versatile films

Filmmakers are apprehensive of a generation used to jumping from one tweet to another and from one reel to another. Binge-watching shows on streaming platforms is a norm today. Hence, an average mainstream Kannada film is around two hours. It often feels like commercial filmmakers just join high points of the scripts. This results in jarring tonal shifts, inconsistencies in characters, and abrupt plot turns.

Not everybody can pull of a Prashanth Neel, who gave us the high of watching an entertaining 'masala' film, made with a blend of fast cuts and breath-taking visuals with the KGF franchise. But Prashanth himself, in an interview, confessed that he hasn't made his purest film yet. "Right now, my priority is to make money. I called Raj. B. Shetty after watching *GGVV*, and told him that 'one day I want to make a film like you. I want to make a film that represents myself," said Prashanth. Shankar Nag's *Accident* (1985) and *Ondanondu Kaaladali* (1979), directed by Girish Karnad) were called "different" films back then. Perhaps today, they would be described as "slow-paced". That's how film-viewing has changed over the decades.

Rakshit Shetty, who produced *SSE (Side A)*, believes in 'pure cinema'. He trusted Hemanth's ability to strike a chord and had enough arsenal to take the film to the masses. Kannada cinema needs more such collaborations to witness all kinds of films.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Sir, Mr. P. Unni Krishnan, Punnathur House, Porkulam, wants to know the meaning of 'to heap Pelion upon Ossa'"

" 'To heap Pelion upon Ossa' is to add difficulty to difficulty, to indulge in futile effort. Pelion and Ossa are two peaks in Thessaly in Greece. There is a story about these in Homer's *Odyssey*. The giants placed Pelion upon Ossa and tried to use them as a ladder to climb to Heaven. From this incident we get the expression 'to heap Pelion upon Ossa'. But this is rarely used and you won't find it in any dictionary. You may find it in a book of Allusions or Fables."

"Sir. Mr. S. Khader Basha, Wynchipet, Vijayawada, wants to know the meaning of 'when the chips are down'."

" 'When the chips are down' means when the situation is desperate or when one is in a crisis.

You can rely on him to come to your aid when the chips are down.

When the chips were down, he was ready to negotiate with the party."

"Sir, Ms. T. Komalavalli, Jawahar St. Tirunelveli town, wants to know the meaning of 'party pooper'."

"A 'party pooper' is an unsocial person who doesn't enjoy the company of others. He is one who spoils all the fun in any party. He is a killjoy. Do you know what 'pooped out' means?"

"No."

" 'He was pooped out' means he was thoroughly exhausted, absolutely tired.

I can't walk any further. I am pooped out."

"Sir, Miss Prashanti Menon wants to know the meaning of the word 'chutzpah'."

"It means 'impudence,' 'shameless audacity'.

He is noted for his chutzpah. The other day he interrupted the minister when he was speaking and called him an incorrigible liar.

'Chutzpah' is pronounced 'hutspa'. The 'u' is pronounced like the 'u' in 'put' and the 'a' is pronounced like the 'a' in India. The 'z' in the word is pronounced 's'. The final 'h' is silent. The word is also spelt 'chutzpa'. 'Chutzpah' is a Yiddish word. Yiddish is a language spoken by the Jews of Eastern Europe and their descendants in other countries. It is written in the Hebrew alphabet and contains words from Hebrew, Russian, Polish, English, etc. Originally, Yiddish was a dialect of medieval High German."

Published in The Hindu on August 8, 1989.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

October 5 was the Cricket World Cup 2023 opening day. This year, it is India's turn to host the quadrennial flagship tournament. Here is a quiz on the tournament

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1
Let's start with an easy one. In which year was the first World Cup hosted? Which country hosted it?

QUESTION 2
Which country has won the cup the maximum number of times? How many times?

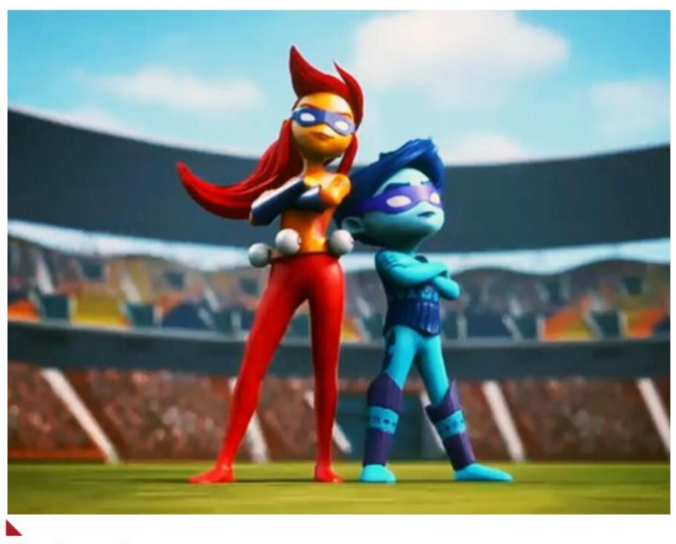
QUESTION 3
Which non-full-member team's performance has been termed the best when it made the semi-finals of the 2003 tournament?

QUESTION 4
The first three tournaments were officially known by a name. It was named after the company that sponsored the event. What was it called?

QUESTION 5
Eight teams participated in the first tournament. However, there was a notable omission, as the country was banned from international cricket. Which was the country? Why was it banned?

QUESTION 6
When the tournament was first played, it was played for 60 overs. It was later reduced from 60 to 50 overs per innings, the current standard. In which year did this happen? Why?

QUESTION 7
Which country became the first to win the Cricket World Cup final on home soil? This tournament also had one more first. What was it?



Visual question:
Identify these mascots. They are the mascots from which year's tournament? What do the mascots symbolise?

Questions and Answers of the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The first novel in the James Bond series. **Ans: *Casino Royale***
2. The writer of the film *You Only Live Twice*. **Ans: Roald Dahl**
3. The two films involved in the 'Battle of the Bonds'. **Ans: *Never Say Never Again* starring Sean Connery and *Octopussy* starring Roger Moore**
4. This actor played the role of James Bond in just one film. **Ans: George Lazenby; *On Her Majesty's Secret Service***
5. In this Bond film, the Bond villain was also a Bond girl. **Ans: *The World Is Not Enough*; Elecktra King was the Bond girl**
6. The beverage which James Bond despised. **Ans: Tea**
Visual: Identify this man. **Ans: James Bond. an American ornithologist. He is considered to be the inspiration behind the name of the iconic spy**
Early Birds: Animesh Mohan| Jithin K. John

Word of the day

Commodious:

Large and roomy

Synonyms: spacious, capaciousness

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Pronunciation: bit.ly/commodiouspro

International Phonetic Alphabet: kəˈməʊdɪəs/

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HC expresses concern over uncontrolled feeding of street dogs in public places

Asks State government about the implementation of the Animal Welfare Board of India's guidelines for caregivers of street dogs and animal birth control programme

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A file photo of animal lovers feeding stray dogs at Shivajinagar in Bengaluru.

Taking note of the uncontrolled feeding of stray dogs in public places, including in front of the Vidhana Soudha, in a manner posing health hazard and danger to public and children in particular, the High Court of Karnataka on Thursday asked the State government to inform about remedial measures taken to address these issues based on the guidelines of the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI).

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Krishna S. Dixit issued the direction while hearing a PIL petition filed by a Tumakuru-based advocate, Ramesh Naik L. The petitioner, in his petition filed in May 2022, had sought directions to the State government and all urban local bodies for implementation of the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001, while citing instances of stray dog attacks on children.

2015 guidelines

The Bench, from the documents produced by the petitioner, noted that the AWBI had in 2015 issued guidelines on "pet and street dogs" and it contains specific set of guidelines for the "caregivers of street dogs".

As per the guidelines, the Bench noted that caregivers, who either feed stray animals by feeding them with leftover food or compassionately prepare food for them, are advised to participate in sterilisation and yearly vaccination of dogs besides assisting animal welfare organisations. The guidelines also state that caregivers should avoid feeding street dogs immediately adjacent to areas in which children play or people take a walk or that are otherwise crowded, and feeding should not be done in a manner that contributes to littering or dirtying any feeding site.

At dedicated places

Emphasising that feeding of stray dogs should be only at dedicated places, the Bench said that the intention of feeding dogs may be good and *bona fide* but feeding at all places not only causes annoyance to passers-by and residents but also causes health hazard and poses danger to children.

During the hearing, the Chief Justice orally pointed out that both the judges had noticed that some people bring food items in big utensils in their vehicles and feed it to stray dogs and birds even in sensitive zones like in front of one of the gates of the Vidhana Soudha.

The Chief Justice also pointed out the court had earlier expressed concern over the feeding of stray dogs and birds in front of the gates of Cubbon Park and the danger posed to morning walkers and children passing through the park to reach their schools.

Ex-Mayors of Mysuru for razing heritage buildings

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

A few former Mayors belonging to Congress said here on Thursday that both Devaraja Market and Lansdowne Building in the city should be demolished to pave way for new structures.

Addressing media persons, Narasimha Iyengar and B.K. Prakash said both the heritage markets were over a century old, had outlived their utility, and were dilapidated.

Referring to the expert committee report which was constituted to study the two markets, the former Mayors said that the committee had also recommended for demolition as it was crumbling bit by bit.

Mr. Iyengar and Mr. Prakash said the new building could be designed to match the façade of the old market. They also sought first preference to the existing tenants in the allotment of shops. Reiterating that the old market has to make way for the new one to meet the requirements and to cater to the population density of the present times, the former Mayors said that they would submit a memorandum to Chief Minister Mr. Siddaramaiah in this connection.

A moving bus stop to highlight need for female mobility

A collapsible mobile bus stop, an initiative of Alli Serona, will journey through the city this month, hoping to demonstrate how the transportation needs of the informal sector can be met

Preeti Zachariah
BENGALURU

Before COVID-19, Roselien V., a domestic worker, used to take the bus to her workplace in Indiranagar, about 3 km away. Today, however, she can no longer do so since the bus frequency has dropped.

"It comes only once or twice a day and doesn't stick to any scheduled time," says Ms. Roselien, who now chooses to work only in places that are within walking distance of her home. "They pay less here than in Indiranagar," she complains.

She was among the members of Alli Serona (Let's meet there), a city-based collective working to highlight the voices of the informal workforce. "The Shakthi scheme is good, but we cannot use it if there are no buses," says Ms. Roselien.

An artist's impression of an interactive temporary mobile bus stop.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Mobility needs

Women are especially dependent on public transport to address their mobility needs, says P. Laksha Pathi, the executive director of APSA, an NGO that works in 75 urban slum communities in Bengaluru and Hyderabad, one of the organisations that form Alli Serona. "A lot of women say that before COVID-19, more buses were available and bus stops were more accessible," he says.

Solving this issue is the rationale behind Alli Serona's latest initiative: a collapsible mobile bus stop, which will journey through the city this month, hoping to demonstrate how the transportation needs of the informal sector can be met.

Accessible transport

"We wanted to do something creative to shout out that this community needs a bus stop, and what better way than an installation," says Mallika Arya of Bengaluru Moving, a city-wide movement for sustainable, accessible and safe public transport, also part of the Alli Serona. "Karnataka has the Shakti scheme; buses are free ... If you can get a bus near your house, imagine the possibilities that can open up."

The installation resembles a wooden, scaled-down version of a typical bus stop and is co-designed with the community at Hosa Nagar, their first stop. From Hosa Nagar, where it will be till October 7, the installation will move to Seegehalli and Priyanka Nagar on October 9 - 10, at the Thursday Sante Area on October 16-18, and at Byrasandra on October 20-21.

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The crowd that gathered in front of the office of the IMA at Shivajinagar in Bengaluru after news of the scam broke. FILE PHOTO

Long, endless wait for victims of IMA scam

The scale of the IMA Ponzi scam, which was busted in 2019, is estimated to be around ₹1,400 crore. Many families that had invested their life's savings continue to wait for the return of at least some of what they have lost. **Imran Gowhar and K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj** talk to the victims and check on the status of the probe

Basheera Begum, 65, suffers from diabetes and had one of her legs amputated recently. She is bedridden with no support system to speak of. She says that the I Monetary Advisory (IMA) 'halal' investment Ponzi scheme that was busted in 2019 in Bengaluru and COVID-19 that followed have reduced her to this state.

Basheera's husband, Wali Ahmed, worked in West Asia for many years and returned home with a life savings of ₹55 lakh in 2017, when IMA was all the rage in the city, especially in the Muslim community as investors were promised and were getting high monthly returns and was approved and advertised as a "halal investment option" by a section of the city's ulema.

The childless couple invested their entire life's savings in IMA. Wali Ahmed invested ₹42 lakh in his name and ₹13 lakh in Basheera's name in 2017. "We hoped we could lead a peaceful retired life. IMA did give us good interest for over a year, which made us happy. But suddenly, IMA went bust, and all our hard-earned money vanished," Basheera said.

IMA chief Mansoor Khan

Her husband was diagnosed with COVID-19 and passed away in 2020. Basheera says he died a broken man waiting to recover his life's earnings. Basheera had to get her leg amputated due to gangrene the following year. She now waits with the hope that the ongoing investigation and auction of assets of IMA will get her investment back. "If I get our money back, it will sustain me for the rest of my life, for my medical care, among other needs," she said.

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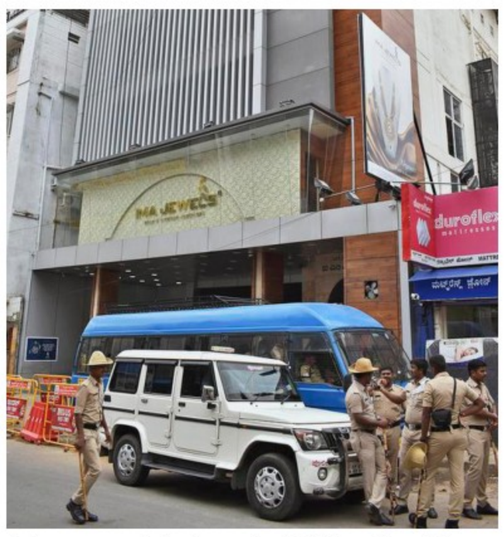


Police personnel stand guard outside the office of the IMA group in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

One among 63,000

Basheera is only one among thousands whose savings sank when the IMA halal investment Ponzi scheme went bust in 2019. It was estimated to owe over 63,000 investors around ₹2,600 crore. However, after considering all the claims filed before it, the Competent Authority has pegged the total liability of the depositors at ₹1,400 crore.

The Ponzi scheme, initially a gold investment scheme, diversified its interests into real estate, education and healthcare and lured investors by promising high monthly dividends. Like all Ponzi schemes, when the going was good, Mansoor Khan, the founder of IMA Group, paid high dividends, attracting a steady supply of new investors.

He advertised it as a "halal" scheme. Charging or payment of interest is not considered to be Sharia-compliant as it is deemed to be an exploitative practice. IMA worked on a Limited Liability Partnership basis and did not involve interest in the investment.

But 2018-19 was terrible for Khan. He suffered a few setbacks in his businesses. Investments, which were taken from customers and were ploughed into bullion and real estate, did poorly. He faltered on monthly payments, and regulatory agencies tightened the screws. The company finally went kaput in June 2019. Khan fled the country only to return the next month to be arrested. Several officials and politicians have been accused of being hand-in-glove with IMA and cheating the public with their hard-earned money.

The IMA scam has robbed many families, mostly poor working-class Muslims, of their life savings. Several families broke up since the fraud led to marital disputes. Many investors died waiting to get their money back, like Basheera's husband.

Firdouse, a 40-year-old homemaker, took ₹50,000 from her husband, who runs a puncture shop, and invested it in IMA for the future of their two children in 2018. "We got an interest on that money for two months. That was the first time in our life we had invested. We were excited to get returns of ₹3,000 in two months. My husband was proud of me for choosing a halaal investment option," Firdouse recalled. But her joy and her husband's praise were short-lived, and soon, the monthly payments became irregular, and the company was eventually closed. "Life has become hard ever since. There is no peace as my husband blames me for the loss," she said.

A new ray of hope

While getting full investment back looks like a pipe dream, these investors may recover a small part of their investments soon.

The special court for cases registered under the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004, on Thursday (October 5), approved the scheme suggested by the Competent Authority to disburse funds and asked the Authority to disburse the available funds in the next 20 days.

In the second tranche, the Competent Authority has decided to disburse ₹69 crore, recovered from auctioning movable assets of IMA to over 55,000 depositors of IMA. This has come as a fresh ray of hope among investors who have been cheated of their savings.

Anwar Jahan, 65, a retired school teacher from Nagshettyhalli, is overjoyed at the prospect of getting any money at all. "My husband Syed Hussain, a retired lab assistant at the University of Agricultural Sciences, had invested ₹25 lakh of his retirement money a month before the IMA shut down," she said. The couple have three daughters. Her husband died one-and-a-half years ago. She is relying on the return of money to secure her daughter's future.

Only a small fraction

But what the investors will get back in the second substantial tranche is also only a fraction of their investment. The Competent Authority appointed by the Karnataka government to recover money from IMA and redistribute it to depositors has seized movable and immovable assets of IMA and its directors worth an estimated ₹450 crore. Of this, the Competent Authority settled claims of 6,800 small depositors whose dues were lower than ₹50,000, worth a total of ₹19.12 crore in the first tranche in 2021.

Now, a city court has approved the distribution of ₹69 crore in the second tranche, this time to over 55,000 depositors. Money being disbursed in both these tranches comes from the auction of movable assets like jewellery, motor vehicles and furniture,e among other assets.

In an affidavit to the court, the Competent Authority said they would follow an equitable principle for the disbursal of funds. As against their investments and the returns they had already got before the company went kaput, the Competent Authority has graded the depositors as most affected and least affected. Those most affected will get a higher settlement than those who are least affected.

Meagre settlement

Settlements in these two tranches only add up to ₹88.12 crore. The Competent Authority is keen on auctioning other immovable assets of IMA Group and its directors it has seized, valued at an estimated ₹350 - ₹375 crore, to make a substantial settlement to the depositors who got cheated. However, these properties are also attached by the Directorate of Enforcement, which is also probing the IMA case for money laundering. The Competent Authority is expected to move the ED court, seeking clearance to auction these immovable assets.

However, even if these immovable assets, mainly prime real estate properties, are auctioned, and the money returned to depositors, which will likely be the last tranche of settlement, it would only be a small fraction of ₹1,400 crore pegged as outstanding by the Competent Authority when the Ponzi scheme went bust in June 2019.

A senior police official with considerable experience in investigating economic offences said in most of the Ponzi schemes, people who invest money in the scheme close to when the company goes bust would suffer the most, even as initial investors would have made profits.

"Recovery of the proceeds of crime should ideally not be limited to seizure of movable and immovable assets of the accused, but also include profits made by initial investors. While their principal is rightfully theirs, the profits they have earned amount to the proceeds of the crime. If they are made to pay the profits, only then will the State have enough cash to refund all depositors their money," the official said. However, the State government has not initiated such a move to date.

Probe suffers setbacks

Meanwhile, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), probing the case, has filed multiple charge sheets against over 30 accused in the case, including several senior bureaucrats, and senior politician and former Shivajinagar MLA R. Roshan Baig.

However, the CBI case has suffered several legal setbacks. The High Court of Karnataka in March 2021 held the probe against senior IPS officer Hemanth Nimbalkar "illegal" as the probe against him commenced much before sanction for investigation was obtained. The court also held that materials produced before it "do not prima facie disclose the ingredients of any of the offences" alleged against Mr. Nimbalkar, warranting his prosecution.

CBI has appealed against the order in the Supreme Court. A departmental inquiry also cleared Mr. Nimbalkar recently. The High Court quashed the chargesheet against another IPS officer, Ajay Hilori, on the grounds that the inquiry based on the same set of allegations, including bribery, could not establish anything.

Officials who were named accused in the chargesheets and got it quashed in the courts have contended that the CBI has been selective in naming officials as accused, even as multiple probes into IMA were closed at the government level. They also contend that even in probes that involved officials named as accused were a part of, not all officials in the chain of command have been named accused.

The probe agencies have also come under criticism for failing to provide enough evidence to attach properties of all the accused. For instance, the special court set up for cases registered under the KPIDFE Act, 2004 quashed a provisional attachment order of the State government that attached all properties of Baig and his family members. Baig is an accused in the Central Bureau of Investigation chargesheet in the case. The court held that agencies did not produce any documents to show unsecured loan amounts from IMA were indeed credited to Baig, the crux of the allegations against him.

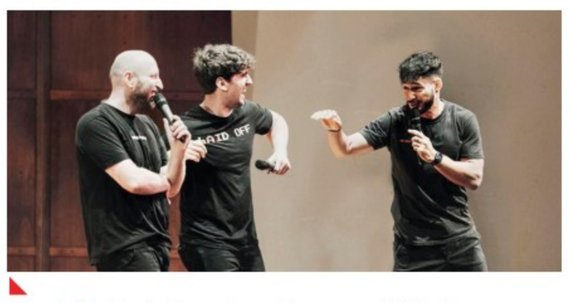
Waiting for 'real Id'

As the long wait for justice for IMA victims is only expected to drag on with no full closure, Arif Pasha, President of the Integrated Welfare Association for IMA investors, said, "We know it will take many years to recover the money lost to IMA, if at all we do it fully ever. However, the fight will continue till we get the rightful dues to investors, and that day would be the real Id for us." Till such time, the struggle of Basheera and many like her will continue.

Investors who gathered for submitting details of their investments to the police, in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

Former techies Austin Nasso, Nikita Oster and Jesse Warren are in Bengaluru for their tech roast show this weekend

Gigabytes of giggles



Laugh riot Austin Nasso, Jesse Warren, and Nikita Oster.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Austin Nasso, Nikita Oster and Jesse Warren worked in tech for several years. Tired of their soul-sucking jobs, they formed a group, Socially Inept, to hit back at the tech industry. Their weapon of choice: comedy. After taking on Silicon Valley giants, this crew has landed in India to entertain and roast the techies of Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Mumbai till October 14.

Socially Inept's birth was accidental. Austin, the funny guy in his school and college, had experience in live comedy shows. He independently produced a show, Young Tech, which was essentially a way to bring tech people in Seattle together to network with some stand-up comedy mixed in.

"When I was leaving Seattle (in 2018), Jesse and I decided to organise a farewell show for me. At that time, I came up with the idea of roasting the Seattle tech scene as the show's theme," says Austin. It was a whacky idea, but the duo managed to sell out one of the primary comedy clubs in Seattle.

When they started to cash in on this breakout idea, the pandemic halted them. It was not, however, a complete washout. The comedians' social media followers grew like mushrooms in monsoon. By then, Nikita had joined them as well to complete the trio. At the time of writing, Socially Inept's Instagram page has 392,000 followers on Instagram and 129,000 followers on TikTok. The 90-minute, 18-plus comedy show combines improvisational crowd work, satirical takedowns of tech and startup founders, and a gamified Turing Test challenge that pits humans against AI.

Though Socially Inept has sold out venues in the US, the Indian scene is a new experience for them. "In a way, all of us (techies) are a part of monstrous conglomerates. So, there is some commonality. But the Indian scene, especially Bengaluru, is something we haven't really explored," says Nikita.

Socially Inept will perform at Good Shepherd Auditorium on October 6 and 7. Tickets on bookmyshow.

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Govt. to pay ₹7.5 lakh compensation in cases of unnatural death in prison

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A policy has been framed for paying a compensation of ₹7.5 lakh to the next of kin of the prisoners in case of unnatural death of prisoner due to a quarrel among prisoners, and ₹5 lakh in case of other unnatural deaths, including suicide, within the prisons, the High Court of Karnataka was informed on Thursday.

The policy was framed on the directions issued by the apex court and the High Court, which had in 2017 initiated a *suo motu* PIL on the apex court's orders to ensure that the State government formulated a scheme to identify prisoners who died unnaturally while in prison since 2012, identify the next of kin of deceased prisoners, and pay reasonable compensation to them.

A Division Bench, which took note of the policy framed in October 2022, disposed of the petition while observing that the government had appropriately addressed and redressed the grievances raised in the petition.

However, as per the policy, no compensation would be paid in case of natural death, including death due to illness of the prisoners. Also, no compensation would be paid if the death occurs while escaping from prison or while on parole or lawful custody outside the prison; and if the death occurs due to natural disaster/calamity.

The compensation would be paid to the next of kin of the prisoners, who suffered unnatural deaths in the prisons in Karnataka since January 1, 2012, through the Deputy Commissioners of the districts in whose jurisdiction the next of kin of the deceased prisoner resides.

The Heads of prisons will have to submit the report of the unnatural death to the Director General of Police, Prisons and Correctional Services, along with magisterial enquiry report, post-mortem, final cause of death, medical history and treatment given to the prisoner prior to death, for release of compensation, the policy stated.

Dasara committee seeks sponsorship for Nada Habba

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The district administration and the Dasara Executive Committee are sounding out industrial and corporate houses to come forward and sponsor various events of Dasara which will commence on October 15.

The title sponsorship will cost ₹3 crore while platinum sponsorship is pegged at ₹1 crore. The rate of gold sponsors is ₹50 lakh, silver sponsors at ₹25 lakh while associate sponsor, and event sponsorship will cost ₹3 lakh each.

State facing 'green drought' in several parts with nil or severely reduced yield, says Revenue Minister

Central team urged to understand impact of rainfall deficiency on agriculture rather than looking at standing crops

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With the Centre's drought review team starting its tour of 13 drought-affected districts in Karnataka, the State government has urged the team to understand the impact of rainfall deficiency on agriculture rather than arriving at a conclusion looking at the standing crops.

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda told pressmen here that it was "a situation of green drought" in many parts of Karnataka. "Some crops were lost soon after sowing and in other cases, there is standing crop due to intermittent rainfall. However, the yield from the crop has been severely reduced and there is no scope for recovery," he said, after briefing the team of Central officials that will tour districts till Sunday to assess the drought effects.

"We have urged the team for an independent understanding and assessment as it is a different situation. We will meet the team again on Monday after they return from their assessment," said the Minister

While the State is expecting a compensation of around ₹4,860 crore from the Centre, it has estimated the losses in agriculture to be ₹30,432 crore. The total rainfall deficiency in the State is 28%.

The 10-member inter-ministerial Central team, led by Joint Secretary of Agriculture department Ajit Kumar Sahu, will be touring Belagavi, Vijayapura, Bagalkote, Dharwad, Gadag, Koppal, Ballari, Vijayanagar, Chickballapura, Tumakuru, Chitradurga, Davangere, and Bengaluru Rural districts till Sunday. Senior government officials and scientists from agricultural universities will also be touring with the team.

Mr. Byre Gowda said that the team has been comprehensively briefed about the drought situation, farmers' problem, economy, crop losses, and total affected area with the ground report. On certain discrepancies in rainfall data between the State and the IMD, the Minister said: "Karnataka has 6,500 automated telemetric stations installed at every panchayat level that no other State can boast of. It is accurate and reliable since there is no manual intervention."

Karnataka has also flagged the discrepancy in the number of small and marginal farmers between between the State and the Centre. "The Centre has data of 2015. We have highlighted that the numbers have increased due to further fragmentation as families have grown and the average area has also shrunk."

No delay

In a rebuff to the Opposition parties that the Siddaramaiah-led government had been delaying on drought management, Mr. Byre Gowda said that though there are more than 10 States that have reported rainfall deficiency, Karnataka is the first State to approach the Centre. "The Cabinet approved the drought memorandum on September 22 and submitted the petition online to the Centre on the same day. We have sought appointment with Union Agriculture and Home Ministers, which, however, has not been given yet."

When asked if the State was confident of getting a fair deal from the Centre, Mr. Byre Gowda said: "We are doing our work and we have conformed to all the guidelines set by the Centre. We are hopeful that we will get our fair share. I do not want to politicise the issue that can affect the people."

A 10-member inter-ministerial Central team met with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and officials in Bengaluru on Thursday before it began a four-day visit of 13 drought-hit districts in the State.

Rainfall statistics

- Normal rainfall during southwest monsoon (June 1 to August 31): **691 mm**
- Rainfall received during 2023: **497 mm**
- Rainfall deficit: **28%**
- Of the 31 districts, **20 received** deficient rainfall
- Taluk that received rainfall in large excess: **1**
- Taluk that received rainfall in excess: **1**
- Taluks that received normal rainfall: **88**
- Taluks that reported deficient rainfall: **141**
- Taluks that received rainfall in large deficit: **5**
- Out of 195 taluks, **161** come under severely affected by drought and **34** have been declared as being moderately affected by drought
- Total crop loss **41.56 lakh hectares**
- Agricultural land **39.74 lakh ha**
- Horticultural crops **1.82 lakh ha**
- Estimated loss **₹30,432 crore**

More taluks could be declared drought-hit

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

While 195 taluks in the State have been declared drought affected, 15 more taluks could be added to the list. "Preliminary assessment show that 15 out of the 41 remaining taluks are also eligible to be declared drought affected as per the Union government's guidelines," Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said on Thursday.

The Cabinet sub-committee will meet on October 9 where a decision on conducting the ground survey again in these taluks would be taken." Further, in 34 taluks declared as moderate drought hit, another survey would be taken up if conditions deteriorate, he added.

Health experts seek ban on firecrackers

The Hindu Bureau
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The Karnataka-based Edward and Cynthia Institute of Public Health – a unit of CHD Group – has urged the State government and the High Court to ban firecrackers in the State across all festivals, occasions, or celebrations as climate change was posing a grave threat to human life and planetary health.

In the paper "India must ban firecrackers in the year of the G-20 Presidency and build a landmark contribution to climate action and COP28" as part of the working paper series, authors Isha Agarwal and Edmond Fernandes suggested to the government to take urgent action to ban fire crackers and cracker bombs and regulate timing with silent hours from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. all 365 days. They also urged the government to raise tax by 300% on firecrackers and to direct law enforcement agencies to strictly regulate timings.

Detrimental impact

Firecrackers pollute the environment with noise, particulate matter, and chemicals adding no real contribution to public health or public wealth. The detrimental impact of air pollution on human health is increasingly acknowledged, both in the short and long term, they said.

In a letter addressed to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale, authors at the Institute said India is a signatory to the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the forthcoming COP28 meeting in the U.A.E. will be dedicating an entire day on December 3, 2023, to discuss public health consequences of the same.

"The loud sounds of firecrackers even interfere with the sleep cycle, which is more harmful for elderly people, triggers anxiety in those who live alone, pregnant women, and hospitalised individuals," the working paper said.

State files petition before CWMA seeking review of order on water release to T.N.

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Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Thursday said that Karnataka had filed a petition before the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) seeking review of its order on the release of 3,000 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu.

CWMA on September 29 had asked Karnataka to release 3,000 cusecs of water daily to Tamil Nadu till October 15, though the State government categorically stated that there is not enough storage in its reservoirs.

Mr. Shivakumar, who also holds the Water Resources portfolio, said the government has been making all the preparations to go ahead with the Mekedatu balancing reservoir across the river Cauvery in Kanakapura.

"We have already appealed before CWMA expressing our inability to release even 3,000 cusecs; not sure when it will be taken up. We have also made a proposal regarding the Mekedatu issue and we are making all the legal preparations required for it," he said at a press conference here.

Asked if the State will also go before the Supreme Court on the issue, he said, "We will have to go stage by stage, or else it (our petition), will not be entertained in the courts."

Standing crops saved

Noting the scarcity of water at reservoirs in the Cauvery basin, despite rains in some areas during the last couple of days, Mr. Shivakumar said the government had managed to save standing crops in the region and hoped for more rains in the days to come.

The Karnataka government has been maintaining that construction of Mekedatu balancing reservoir across the river near Kanakapura in Ramanagara district is the only solution to resolve the inter-State water dispute during distress years. Tamil Nadu is opposed to this project claiming it to be detrimental to its interest and that of its farmers.

He said 106 tmcft water is required, but there is only 56 tmcft in Cauvery basin reservoirs. Inflow had increased during the last couple of days due to some rains, but it has now come down, he said. The State has declared drought in 195 taluks and "we have requested the Agriculture Department to ensure there is no more fresh cropping, until there is an intimation about enough water," he said.

Cabinet for filing cases against officials involved in godown scam

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State Cabinet decided to direct authorities concerned to file civil and criminal cases against officials indulging in financial irregularities in the construction of 166 godowns of the Karnataka State Warehousing Corporation under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund. Briefing on the decisions taken at a State Cabinet meeting on Thursday, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil said massive financial irregularities caused delay in the construction of godowns. Officials, including IAS officers, were involved in the scam. Irregularities found during constructions included mobilisation of more funds than prescribed, delaying payments, and giving up to 80% more work advances than stipulated, the Minister said. The Cabinet has now revised the construction cost of the godowns at ₹862.32 crore and a sum of ₹376 crore would be released, he said. The Cabinet approved ₹25 crore for implementing the Brain Health Initiative in collaboration with NIMHANS in Kolar, Chickballapur, and Bengaluru Urban districts, on a pilot basis.

It also approved ₹185.75 crore for implementing the Anaemia Mukta Poustika Karnataka programme that aims to fight anaemia with multi-dimensional interventions.

Somashekar airs his opposition to JD(S)-BJP alliance

The Hindu Bureau
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Former BJP Minister S.T. Somashekar, rumoured to be contemplating joining the Congress, on Thursday openly expressed his dissent over the saffron party's alliance with the JD(S).

The Yeshwantpur MLA, who has been miffed ever since the BJP faced a massive defeat in the Assembly polls, claimed he was not taken into confidence before finalising the alliance with the BJP. He claimed that several people were unhappy with the alliance both in the Congress and the BJP but were not speaking up.

He said that he had fought the JD(S) through his career for over 20 years. "In my constituency, the JD(S) was my opponent when I was with the Congress and now in the BJP," he said.

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To carpool or not to carpool in Bengaluru? that is the question

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy's clarification that there is no ban for now on carpooling aggregators has not cleared the confusion on where the law stands on the issue

Rasheed Kappan
BENGALURU

A file photo of traffic at Silk board junction and Metro rail work in progress in Bengaluru . BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

Driven by giant strides in AI and other technologies, carpooling has turned smarter and seamless, with a huge potential to marry comfort with commerce. But trapped in a twister of high taxes, yellow board registrations, permit issues and intense competition, taxi drivers see this is an existential threat to their business. Is there a middle path?

News in a section of the media carpooling is "banned" in Bengaluru last week triggered a massive outcry. Commuters who had adopted the system, both informally and through aggregator apps to smartly outwit the city's notorious commute chaos, were outraged. The State transport department's ban was dubbed 'kneejerk,' thoughtless and unilateral.

Only temporary relief

But, has Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy's clarification that there is no ban for now and it would eventually be applied only to white board vehicles cleared the confusion? The relief is only temporary and the raging debate has put the spotlight on the need for urgent systemic changes. The question is: Can old rules be tweaked to let both traditional taxis and new age carpooling apps coexist and thrive?

The time might be ripe for a policy shift with the focus on the big elephant in the room: Yellow boards. But before addressing that, a query: Why are taxi operators feeling so threatened by the new carpooling apps?

"We have no issue with the informal carpooling system that involves friends, family and neighbours. Our demand is that carpooling aggregators, who use AI and other tech to discover and connect commuters, should be brought under a regulatory mechanism," says Radhakrishna Holla, General Secretary of the Bengaluru Tour Taxi Owners Association.

Cash transactions

The aggregator apps, he says, are not NGOs or charitable trusts. "They use privately-owned vehicles, even cash is paid online. Once they do that, it becomes a business. Offering free service and turning it into a business are different. Cash transactions, one rupee or a thousand rupees, make it a business. The vehicles used too should then be commercial, with yellow boards," he explains.

Once the carpooling platforms are regulated, safety systems such as SOS, owner and passenger data collection, verification of owner vehicle documents will come into picture. As Mr. Radhakrishna puts it, "Vehicle Location Tracking, panic buttons, passenger accident safety, GST for payment and a whole lot of rules that are now mandated for taxis will be applied to their cars too. There are at least 25 rules to comply with."

A group of regular carpoolers in Bengaluru. They have been using the carpooling app to hop onto shared cars en route to their offices.

On the other hand, Sathya Sankaran from Citizens for Sustainability (CiFoS) argues that yellow boards vehicles have outlived their utility. "They are causing more harm than good. The carpooling controversy in Bengaluru brought out our inability to rethink the rules when faced with behaviour that run contrary to those rules," he contends.

The aggregators essentially help people discover carpooling passengers through an app. But the main bone of contention is about a charge being levied for passenger discovery and payments between the driver and car-poolers. Rules framed under the Motor Vehicles Act permit only vehicles registered as commercial vehicles displaying a yellow number plate to operate for any kind of money exchange.

'Inherently unfair'

Mr. Sathya's point is this: The rules have not stopped last-mile food and grocery delivery services to operate with white board private vehicles. Delivery agents are also now riding electric vehicles with green plates, but there are no green / yellow combinations. "Historically, auto rickshaws and taxis have been registered with a yellow plate. There is an inherent unfairness in this treatment that makes taxis ferrying passengers go through extra norms forcing them to revolt," he notes.

This is very apparent in employee transport vehicles. As Mr. Radhakrishna explains, vehicles operated on contract by one company are mandated to take only their employees. "But unregulated carpooling vehicles take employees to different companies located at different levels of the same building. We take vehicle loans, pay high taxes, for separate driving licenses and Fitness Certificates every two years, following all norms. This is like cheating those who are under a proper, regulated system."

Passenger safety isues

The solution, Mr. Sathya insists, is to get rid of the yellow board and associated processes for passenger taxis. "My point is not to mandate yellow boards for carpooling vehicles, but to get the others out of the yellow board system. What is the point of a yellow board for the passenger? I sit in a car, and am not bothered about the colour of the board. I have to trust the driver. So do a KYC (Know Your Customer) on him," he says.

However, taxi operators are not convinced. They argue that their passenger safety is ensured through integrated systems such as Vehicle Location Tracking and Panic Button. Says an operator, "In employee transport, all staffers go in one vehicle with a separate permit. But in carpooled vehicles, if a male passenger kidnaps a female co-passenger, there is no way to track. A driver might say he is going to Electronic City but would cross Hosur checkpost and become untraceable."

Decoupling the driver

So decouple the vehicle from the driver, suggests Mr. Sathya. "Passenger safety is not the function of the car, but the driver's. If you want to do a KYC on the (carpooling) driver, do it. But do it through a seamless online process, no standing in any office. Do it as professionally as passport registrations."

Yellow board taxis have to certify and do constant checks on the driver to prevent untoward incidents. Yet this has not been a foolproof system. In many cases, the vehicle driver and owner are different. The recently launched Metro Mitra Auto service could be a model, where passengers scan a QR code to get the driver credentials. Tech platforms that enable passenger discovery could be asked to do a KYC on the carpooling drivers and prominently display the details both on the app and on the vehicle, like auto rickshaws.

Carpooling, with its proven potential to reduce use of multiple cars, has often been cited as one of the means to sustainable mobility. But does this automatically translate to traffic decongestion?

Taxi operators do not think so. They argue that the potential to rake in profits without regulation will beckon more car owners to take out their vehicles to carpool. Even employees would see benefit in getting out of their office buses and using carpooling as a side business.

Not everyone sees it this way. Having carpooled for years with the app, QuickRide, Whitefield resident Pravir Bagrodia sees it as a "boon" for office-goers. "Without an app, I could carpool occasionally with a colleague. But the apps multiply the ability to carpool. I have used the app to complete 1,400 rides so far," he says.

Besides, in a city with grossly inadequate rail, Metro and bus connectivity is inadequate, carpooling is the right alternative, feels Mr. Bargrodia. "It is any day better than single-passenger cars. Pooling reduces congestion and pollution, and saves precious fuel and forex. Taxis and autos are either not available or charges range from ₹15 to ₹30 per km. They cannot meet the demand from office goers during peak hours," he adds.

Apartment-level adoptions

Vikram Rai from the Bangalore Apartments Federation (BAF) has also seen the benefits at close quarters, and is clear that any ban would be like throwing the baby with the bathwater. He says, "I know of large apartments having introduced some form of informal processes to facilitate carpooling in different directions where people are headed to. Some have even created spaces in the common area, marking spots for people going in these directions to assemble and take a pooled car." Carpooling, he says, is part of the 'Personal to public' campaign to boost public transport. "The concerns around commercial implications, whether white board vehicles are behaving like yellow boards can all be addressed. Banning would be counter intuitive in a scenario with so much traffic. Some bit of minimum compliance could be built around the system with a structure, framework and guidelines," suggest Vikram.

Question government

But urban mobility analyst Ashwin Mahesh has a completely different take on the whole issue. Carpooling, according to him, is not the point here. "The question to the government should not be if carpooling is legal or illegal. It should be about what they are doing to reduce vehicle numbers on the road. That should be the starting point. Carpooling should be a derivative of that larger question," he explains.

Is there a government strategy to reduce vehicles? "Let the minister make it clear. Also, since the Bengaluru Metropolitan Land Transport Authority (BMLTA) bill has been passed, carpooling - clearly part of land transport - should be the domain of that Authority. BMLTA can put together a proper white paper on a carpooling policy. But they are not doing anything, they are just responding to each thing as it comes up. They don't have a road network development plan, a pedestrianisation plan or a public transport plan," says Mr. Mahesh.

'To be or not to be', the tale of humans in the city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Organizational Theatre is back with *To be or not to be*, a devised play based on Shakespeare's soliloquy from the play *Hamlet* directed by Ranji David. The play traces the lives of two humans caught in the city, who are awakened by their inner voice, to decide whether they should take revenge back on the city. The play is developed based on true life stories that have emerged from the actors during devising.

In the first story, the play traces the life of a young girl, who at a very young age realizes she has a calling towards the opposite gender. She begins to explore the identity of a male.

She slowly begins her inner journey towards changing her gender completely into a man. To be a man or to be a woman is her turmoil. The second story is of a woman who is caught in the corporate world. Her first experience is a sour one, a manager who is more focused on her than the tasks at hand.

To be or not to be, will be showcased on October 7, at 7:30 p.m., in A.D.A Rangamandira, J.C Road.

A world through little eyes

The upcoming edition of the Neev Literature Festival 2023 attempts to address the world of children through literature

Preeti Zachariah
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From a previous edition of the festival.

It is an exciting time to be in children's literature," says writer and editor Bijal Vachharajani, who will be part of the Neev Literature Festival, to be held in the city on October 7 and 8. Now in its seventh edition, the festival which kicked off in 2017, "will attempt to address the world of children through literature and discussions around how we consume ideas and use that to navigate what is going on in a child's world," as the concept note to the festival puts it.

Talking about the genesis of the festival, Karthika Gopalakrishnan, Festival Director for NLF and head of reading for Neev Academy, says that it was started by Neev Academy, Bengaluru, because "We wanted to have some serious conversations about children's books and literature," she says, adding that the school has always held reading in high regard.

Children's books, in general, don't always get the attention they deserve, points out Karthika, sharing some perspectives gleaned from industry experts. For starters, they don't get serious reviews in the media, limiting outreach, she says. They also often don't get a good display in retail spaces and there is a dearth of salespeople who know enough about the contents of these books, she adds.

"The smaller independent bookstores do a better job with this," she says. "But the market is really small and facing a combination of challenges."

Despite this, however, there is some great work now happening in it, she states, something Bijal echoes too. "There is a lot of conversation happening around diversity in kid's literature," she points out, adding that as a commissioning editor, she is thrilled to see the range of books that resonate the pulse of different Indias.

"We are seeing stories that talk about climate change, exclusion, the caste system," says Bijal, who believes that it is important to see this exchange of stories across the country. "It is powerful for these stories to be coming out and being read across," she says. "Children as readers have always been open and curious."

So, what can someone attending the festival look forward to? According to the festival release, this year, the festival will host over 77 speakers from around the country and the world, with over 100 sessions and access to 2000-odd books. The lineup will include global award-winning authors such as Linda Sue Park, Renée Watson, and Robin Page as well as some of the best writers for children's and young adult books from India, including Anushka Ravishankar, Shabnam Minwalla, Venita Coelho and Jane De Suza.

There will also be sessions by editors, storytellers, artists, publishers, actors, and performers, sessions for parents and educators, masterclasses for children across age groups, book readings and signings, among other offerings.

"Neev becomes a space where a lot of us gather – writers and illustrators across India as well as internationally – and there is a lot of excitement and conversation about books," says Bijal, adding that this is always fun and refreshing. From a writer's point of view, it is also a great way to track and meet readers, illustrators, publishers and other writers, says author Menaka Raman, who will be reading from her latest book, *Topi Rockets from Thumba,* at the festival.

She firmly believes that simply focusing on how reading is good for children from an academic perspective, sucks out the joy of reading for them. "Festivals like these are about celebrating books, browsing through books, picking what you like, listening to authors read, meeting illustrators...to be in that space and environment, is very joyous," she says. *The Neev Literature Festival 2023 will be held on October 7 and 8, 2023 at Neev Academy, Yemalur, Bengaluru. Open to all. Log into www.neevliterature festival. org to know more.*

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 5, 1973

Bangalore Drug Testing Lab to be Expanded Further

Bangalore, Oct. 4: The havoc caused by substandard and spurious drugs in the country has created a sense of urgency among State Governments to put down the marketing of such drugs.

Mysore State is perhaps one of the few States which initiated measures as early as 1968 to streamline the enforcement wing under the Drugs Control Act to check the marketing of substandard drugs. As an off-shoot of these measures a small drugs testing laboratory came into being in Bangalore a few years ago.

The Laboratory has grown to be one of the most modern drug testing laboratories.

Move to Rename Karnataka Varsity

Dharwar, Oct. 4: As Mysore State is to be renamed Karnataka from November 1, 1973, the State Government authorities seem to want the name of Karnatak University to be changed to Dharwar University. Mr. Samuel Appaji, Education Secretary, has already written to the Karnatak University in this connection and the matter is likely to come up before the Syndicate which is scheduled to meet on October 8.

The people here point out that almost every State in India has a university bearing the name of the State and the Mysore University with its seat in Mysore City is no exception to the practice. Under the circumstances the theory advanced by the State Government is regarded as quite pernicious.

(The issue dated Oct.6 is not available.)

Karnataka InFocus

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NUGGETS OF HISTORY

Significance of 'pattada gombe'

Traditionally, most dolls in 'Bombe Habba' display are either made of wood or clay, a testament to the times when the city of Mysuru had many potters and clay artisans. At the centre of display is always Pattada Gombe (the king of queen dolls), a a tribute to the kings of the Wadiyar dynasty. The dolls are typically made of sandalwood or rosewood.

Doll display in many States

The tradition of worshipping dolls is part of tradition in many parts of India. Dolls are worshipped during Krishna Janmashtami in some states and during Dasara in some other states. In Indo-Gangetic belt, especially eastern U.P., Bihar, and Bengal, dolls are decorated during Krishna Janmashtami. Bala Leelas (exploits of the toddler Krishna) are put on display.

Traditions in different hues

The doll display traditions vary from state to state and are known by different names. If 'Bombe Habba' is celebrated primarily in the old Mysore region during Dasara in Karnataka, dolls are displayed as 'Bommala Koluvu' in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana during Sankranti festival. Navaratri plays host to the doll festival 'Golu' in Tamil Nadu.

'Gombe Thotti' at palace

When tourists enter the iconic Mysore Palace, they come across 'Gombe Thotti' or Dolls' Pavilion. The place was essentially designed for displaying dolls during Dasara. Today, it houses artefacts that were in the personal collection of the Mysuru kings and other exhibits. The stately golden howdah or 'chinnada ambari' is also displayed in the pavilion.

Rangayana repertory and dolls

Rangayana, the State's premier theatre repertory in Mysuru, started a doll exhibition as part of Dasara to renew interest among the people about the tradition of doll display. The show was halted in recent years. However, it is continuing the doll show from this year. The repertory is now resuming the expo with an elaborate display of dolls.

Mysuru is all dolled up for Dasara

The dolls are either made of wood or clay, a testament to the times when the city had many potters and clay artisans

Shankar Bennur
MYSURU

The display of dolls at homes in Mysuru during Dasara celebrations is a rich tradition which is still practiced in many households in the city of palaces. The centuries-old tradition has remained integral to Navarathri. Colourful dolls on various themes are put on display and guests are invited home to get a glimpse of the dolls and their thematic arrangements.

Mysuru, which comes alive every year during Dasara, boasts of the doll display tradition that dates back to the times of Vijayanagar Empire. Though younger people seem less inclined to continue 'Bombe Habba' (Festival of Dolls) with all its elaborate traditional practices, it is not a system that has gone into oblivion.

Traditionally, most dolls are either made of wood or clay, a testament to the times when the city had many potters and clay artisans. The idols of gods and goddesses usually take centre stage in doll exhibitions. Dolls made from terracotta, ceramic, plaster of Paris, paper mesh, metal, and cloth are also exhibited.

At homes where the tradition is prevalent, children love to help their mothers in adorning 'Pattada Bombe' (Raja-Rani dolls) and also help in creating a platform for assembling and bedecking the dolls.

Though the custom is not restricted to Mysuru, the long-lasting custom is alive here because of the city's heritage and grand tradition of Dasara.

Preserving rich tradition

In 2005, Mysuru's Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP), which is into preserving and nurturing the crafts and cultural traditions, launched 'Bombe Mane' - an exhibition of dolls - to revive interest in the tradition of assembling and displaying dolls. It has in its collection thousands of dolls from across India. It comes up with new dolls and new concepts every Dasara.

Though it is a round-the-year expo, the new dolls and concepts are introduced every year, a month before Dasara, keeping in view the interests of doll enthusiasts who will be keen to learn new ideas for the festive season.

This year, Bombe Mane, situated on Nazarbad Main Road in Mysuru and open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, has a collection of dolls spread across four floors. "Clay dolls from Tamil Nadu form a bulk of the collection. But the clay dolls from West Bengal steal the show with their compact size, exquisite detailing, and painting technique," according to RKP.

Exhibits at the Kaladevi Doll Museum in Mysuru.

Hand-crafted ones

Every year, there is a special doll display and this year it is the annual Ratha Yatra of Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra, and Subhadra held in Puri. Miniature replicas of the three massive chariots have been crafted by accomplished craftsmen from Bhubaneshwar, explain Bombe Mane promoters.

RKP, in a press release issued after the inauguration of Bombe Mane in September this year, said a diorama depicting the coronation of Shivaji is on display at Bombe Mane. The year 2023 marks the 350th anniversary of the coronation of Shivaji as Chatrapati who founded the mighty Maratha Empire. Also on display is a section paying tribute to the Rathore princess Mirabai. This year marks the 525th year of her birth.

Last year, Bombe Mane had a range of exhibits to depict *Azadi Ki Amrit Mahotsav* to mark 75 years of Independence. Besides Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Telangana, and Odisha too boasts of a doll tradition, and the exquisite doll collection from these states are found at the expo.

India boasts of a rich tradition of dolls right from the Indus Valley civilisation wherein excavations have unearthed abundant terracotta dolls and playthings. The tradition of doll display at homes is widespread across India. "These traditions perhaps have originated from the availability of dolls in an array of materials available locally and the abundance of talent in crafting them. Navaratri plays host to the doll festivals 'Bombe Habba' in the old Mysore region and 'Golu' of Tamil Nadu," says RKP.

India has five exclusive museums dedicated to dolls though there are many museums in the country with small doll sections within them. Shankar's International Dolls Museum in New Delhi; Dolls Museum in Jaipur; Rotary International Dolls Museum in Rajkot; International Doll Museum in Chandigarh and Losel Doll Museum in Dharamshala are dedicated to dolls and all of them are situated in North-Western India.

A museum of dolls

Mysuru has perhaps become the fifth city in the country to have an exclusive museum dedicated to dolls. Kaladevi Doll Museum, again an initiative of Ramsons Kala Pratishtana, was recently inaugurated in Mysuru (near the famous Mysuru zoo). Kaladevi Doll Museum is the first such south of Vindhyas, RKP claims.

The launch of the museum coincided with World Tourism Day, with Mysuru being a preferred tourist destination in the South. The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on all days. The launch of the doll museum marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of 'Handicrafts Sales Emporium' in 1970 by D. Ram Singh.

Keeping a tradition alive

Suma Krishna, a homemaker in Mysuru has an exhaustive collection of dolls and is a die-hard Bombe Habba enthusiast

Shankar Bennur
MYSURU

Suma Krishna, a home-maker in Mysuru, excitedly awaits Dasara every year. An avid doll collector, she has been practicing the tradition of displaying dolls for the last three-and-a-half decades. She inherited the rich tradition from her mother.

Ms. Suma celebrates Bombe Habba with a new theme every year and invites relatives and friends to experience the tradition. She learnt the art of doll arrangement from her mother and grandmother, who too were devoted doll enthusiasts.

Initiated in childhood

"It was my grandmother who kindled my interest in dolls. She used to tell stories about dolls and tell us to continue the tradition. I also learned sewing clothes for dolls at a young age. After I got married, I continued the tradition. Despite the large collection (could be more than 10,000 dolls), I add new dolls to my collection every year. Sometimes, I add 100-plus new dolls or

Ms. Suma Krishna with the dolls while celebrating Bombe Habba at her home in Mysuru in recent years.

even more. Every year, the theme will be new," explains Ms. Suma, a resident of Kuvempunagar near Jnana Ganga School.

This year, Ms. Suma is with her daughter in Singapore, and therefore, not displaying the dolls at her home in Mysuru. However, she has brought some dolls as a gift to her six-year-old grand-daughter from Mysuru to kindle interest in the tradition at a young age.

"The doll tradition is on the wane, though a few youngsters have started keeping dolls because of doll shows and exhibitions organised during Dasara in Mysuru. It is fun and this engagement has to start from childhood. It has to be passed on from generations for keeping the tradition alive," she feels.

Early preparations

In most households, the preparation for Bombe Habba starts at least a month before Dasara. The dolls need to be cleaned and arrangements like wooden platforms have to be done for displaying dolls. "I safely keep dolls in about 150 cartons. Safe keeping of dolls is equally important," she explains.

Ms. Suma has a collection of dolls from across the country. She also has dolls collected from various countries during her tour. Not just dolls, she has a good collection of ornaments for dolls too. Ms. Suma also inspires others by giving them dolls to continue with the tradition. Her arrangement of dolls on the theme of Dasara procession has the replica of the palace, the elephants, the Ambari and much more. The collection is so big that the theme alone needs a lot of space for the display.

Ms. Suma makes it a point to invite schoolchildren to get a glimpse of her doll collection as kids adore dolls. "Whenever I'm on a tour, I go in search of dolls. I try to avoid repetition. There are dolls from the traditions of various States in my collection," she said, while speaking to The Hindu over phone from Singapore.

Karnataka Cabinet approves 33% quota for OBCs in ULB elections

Panel headed by former judge K. Bhakthavatsala recommended political representation for OBCs in urban local bodies

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State Cabinet on Thursday accepted three recommendations, including providing reservation of 33% of the total seats in favour of OBCs in urban local body (ULB) elections, made by a commission headed by former judge K. Bhakthavatsala to study suitable political representation for other backward classes (OBCs) in ULB elections.

However, it rejected recommendations on the term of office of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 30 months in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and the re-classification of "backward classes".

H.K. Patil

The Cabinet accepted the recommendation of providing reservation of 33% of total seats in favour of OBCs in ULB elections. The aggregate reservation of seats in favour of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and the backward classes should not exceed 50% of the total seats in ULBs, said Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs H.K. Patil after the Cabinet meeting.

44% of population

Noting that 44.4% of the total population in Karnataka belonged to OBCs (including minorities), the commission in its report said that "the State in its wisdom and authority" had adopted the castes listed as OBCs for the purpose of education and employment, for purpose of political reservation on the ground that they were socially and politically backward in the State.

The panel submitted the report to the previous BJP government on July 21, 2022.

However, the High Court of Karnataka sought clarity on the authenticity of the data used in the report. Following which, the commission submitted the supplementary report. The Cabinet meeting, chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, accepted the supplementary report, sources in the government said.

It also accepted the recommendation on bringing all ULBs election wings under the control of the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms.

The Cabinet rejected two recommendations. It turned down a suggestion on amendment to Section 10 of the Karnataka Municipal Corporations (KMC) Act, 1976, regarding the term of office of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 30 months.

The Cabinet also rejected the recommendation that "the State government may review the re-classification of 'backward classes' Category-A and B into two more categories of 'backward classes' for the purpose of effective reservation in favour of OBCs including minorities, before the next local body election that will be held in the year 2027 or 2028."

I-T Dept. searches residence of DMK MP

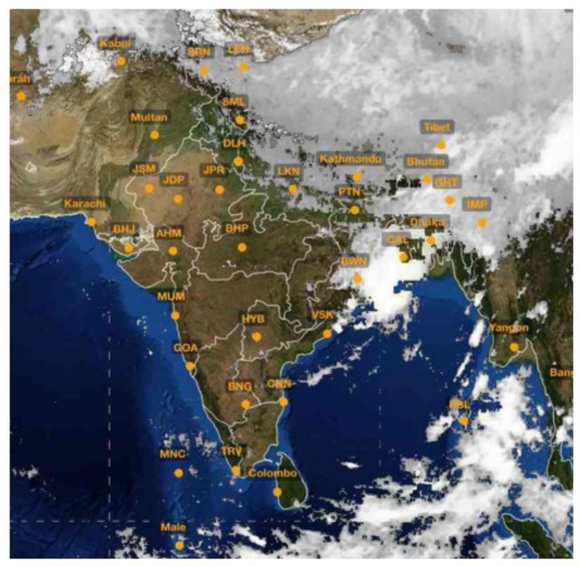
The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Officials of the Income Tax (I-T) Department searched the residence of DMK MP and former Union Minister S. Jagathrakshakan at Adyar here on Thursday.

The other premises linked to Mr. Jagathrakshakan and the houses of his relatives in Chennai were searched simultaneously. Over 40 properties linked to the MP were reportedly searched. Sources said searches were conducted at a medical college at Poonamallee, another medical college near Puducherry, a hotel at T. Nagar and a firm at Nungambakkam. Armed police personnel were deployed on the premises that were searched.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sub-Himalaya West Bengal and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Gangetic West Bengal and Bihar

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	22	28.6	24.8	Kozhikode	—	34.2	24.4
Ahmedabad	—	35.0	21.6	Kurnool	—	36.7	25.7
Aizawl	10	30.5	19.6	Lucknow	—	33.9	25.0
Allahabad	—	33.4	26.2	Madurai	—	38.2	25.0
Bengaluru	—	30.5	21.7	Mangaluru	—	30.5	22.5
Bhopal	—	34.3	20.2	Mumbai	—	32.6	24.7
Bhubaneswar	—	33.2	25.2	Mysuru	—	—	—
Chandigarh	—	35.7	20.4	New Delhi	—	35.1	19.4
Chennai	25	36.2	25.4	Patna	5	28.4	24.6
Coimbatore	—	34.5	22.5	Port Blair	7	29.9	24.5
Dehradun	—	33.4	19.4	Puducherry	—	34.2	27.0
Gangtok	29	18.9	16.4	Pune	—	32.8	20.2
Goa	—	30.4	24.8	Raipur	—	34.0	23.1
Guwahati	28	27.2	24.2	Ranchi	3	28.4	22.6
Hubballi	—	30.0	23.0	Shillong	5	20.8	16.0
Hyderabad	—	32.9	21.4	Shimla	—	26.9	16.8
Imphal	0.2	31.9	22.3	Srinagar	—	28.8	9.1
Jaipur	—	36.4	22.3	Thiruvananthapuram	4	32.1	24.4
Kochi	—	31.0	25.4	Tiruchi	3	36.3	25.4
Kohima	—	23.3	—	Vijayawada	—	35.2	25.2
Kolkata	16	31.6	26.4	Visakhapatnam	—	33.6	24.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.20	.91	.52	104	123	
Bengaluru	8	33	.77	97	121	
Chennai	4	38	.44	51	77	
Delhi	.10	.91	.86	313	189	
Hyderabad	7	.75	.46	102	136	
Kolkata	.12	.16	.28	46	47	
Lucknow	5	5	.67	16	40	
Mumbai	.17	.16	.31	236	156	
Pune	132	220	112	88	77	
Visakhapatnam	5	.62	.26	80	146	

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Kaithal, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 297 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 12

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

HC orders further probe into death of violinist Balabhaskar

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

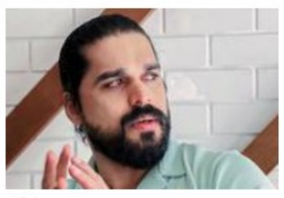
The Kerala High Court on Thursday directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to conduct a further investigation into the death of violinist Balabhaskar in a road accident in Thiruvananthapuram in 2018, especially to identify whether there was any conspiracy or connection between gold smuggling and the death of Balabhaskar.

Justice Bechu Kurian Thomas directed the CBI to complete the further investigation in three months. The court observed that the investigation conducted by the CBI had not been foolproof and the circumstances arising in the case needed to be probed further. The court passed the order on a petition filed by K.C. Unni, father of Balabhaskar, and Soby George against the order of the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court, Thiruvananthapuram, rejecting their pleas for further probe. The violinist and his daughter had died in a road accident in September 2018.

Malayalam actor detained in Chennai airport in rape case

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI/KASARAGOD

Malayalam actor and reality show celebrity Shiyas Kareem, 34, against whom a rape and cheating case had been registered, was detained at Anna International Airport, Chennai, on Thursday morning on his arrival from Dubai.


Shiyas Kareem

A woman from Kasaragod filed a complaint against him alleging that she was sexually abused by him multiple times at various locations after promising to marry her. She also complained that he took ₹11 lakh from her. The reported incidents of abuse took place between 2021 and March 2023.

Based on her complaint, the Chandera police in Kasaragod registered a case and recorded the woman's statement. Mr. Kareem later went absconding and the police issued a lookout notice. On his arrival at the Chennai airport on Thursday, the immigration authorities detained him and alerted the Chandera police. Sources said a team from the Chandera police would reach Chennai to take him to Kerala.

KMF Karnataka Co-Operative Milk Producers' Federation Limited
KMF Complex, Dr. M. H. Marigowda Road, DRC Post, Bangalore-560 029.
Tel: 080-25536789/26096834 Fax: 080-25536105

IFTNo. KMF/ENGG/SHKRPR-MMCF Pkg/1565/2023-24 Date: 04.10.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
[TWO COVER SYSTEM] [THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY]

Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd; Bangalore invites tender through e-procurement portal for the works mentioned in the below table. The interested and eligible firms may participate in the tender by logging on to web site www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in & also contact Help desk No.-080 23010900/23010901, E-mail; hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Qty.	EMD (in Rs.)	Tender Period
1	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Automatic Packing machine with conveyor and allied equipments complete for Mineral Mixture packing at Shikaripura Cattle Feed Plant on Turnkey basis	1 Job	90,000/-	6 Months

1. Tenders may be downloaded from dated: 06.10.2023 to 15.10.2023 up to 4:00 PM.
2. Last date for Tender submission on 16.10.2023 up to 4:00 pm
3. Tender [Part 1] to be opened on 18.10.2023 at 11:30 AM.

Hence forth changes / modification in the tender, It will be uploaded on e-procurement portal only.

For Karnataka Co-Op. Milk Federation Ltd.,
Sd/-
Director [Engineering-2]

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients intend to purchase property bearing municipal Katha No.30, (Old No.292/30) situated 6th Cross, Hanumanthagar, Bangalore, in BBMP limits, Sunkenhalli Ward No. 142, PID No. 49-84-30, measuring East to West 15 Feet and North to South 22 Feet, totally measuring 330 Square feet, along with a building measuring 600 Square feet more fully described in the schedule herein below from **1.MR.NARAYANAN NETTATH,** Aged about 73 Years, **2.MRS.N.SARALA,** Aged about 75 Years,**3. MR.N.PRASANNA KUMARAN**, Aged about 72 Years, **4.SMT.SHANTHA MADHAVAN MENON,** Aged about 68 years, D/o Mr. Gangadharan **5. MRS.SHEREEN RAJ @Chandrika**, Aged about 66 Years, **6. MRS. NETTATH VIJAYALAKSHMI,** Aged about 65 Years, all are children of late Gangadharan, all are residing at Residing at No. 67, 10th Cross, 7th Main, RBI Layout,J.P.Nagar, 7th Phase, Bangalore – 560078who claims to be the absolute owners of the Schedule Property and apart from them, no other person/s has/have any right, title, interest and/or claim/s in or upon the Schedule Property. If any person/s has/have any claims, right, title and/or interest in or upon the same, the same may be intimated to me **within 10 days** from the date of this publication along with documents in support thereof. If no tenable objections are received within the said period, my client will proceed to complete the transaction, deeming that there are no claims or objections whatsoever.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of property bearing municipal Katha No.30, (Old No.292/30) situated 6th Cross, Hanumanthagar, Bangalore, in BBMP limits, Sunkenhalli Ward No. 142, PID No. 49-84-30, measuring East to West 15 Feet and North to South 22 Feet, totally measuring 330 Square feet, along with a building measuring 600 Square feet, bounded on:

East by : Property bearing No. 291
West by : Property bearing No. 293
North by : Property bearing No. 285
South by : VI Cross Road.

S.K. MITHUN Advocate,
No.19/1, 3rd Cross, Shankarpura,
BANGALORE- 560 004

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client proposes to purchase the below mentioned immovable property which is more fully described in the Schedule hereunder, from its lawful owner and Kathedar **Mr. WILSON RAJ ROBERT, aged 55 years, son of Mr. S. Robert, residing at No.31/7, Castle Rock street, Hennur Main Road, Kalyan Nagar Post, BENGALURU-560 043**. The owner has represented that he is the sole and absolute owner of the Schedule Property, having a clear and marketable title and unrestricted rights of alienation over the same. The Owner has further represented that the Schedule Property is free from all kinds of encumbrances, charges, liens, mortgages, litigations, and/or any third party rights/claims of any nature whatsoever.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that all persons including individuals, Banks, financial institutions, creditors etc., etc., having or asserting any benefits, objections, demands, claims, share, right, title and/or interest in respect of the Schedule Property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **(15) Fifteen days** from the date of this publication, and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not be binding on my client, and my client will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property as if there are no claimants/ objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of immovable property being **ENTIRE GROUND FLOOR PREMISES bearing New BBMP Khatha No.169, PID No. 82-1-169, situated at 9th CROSS, BINNAMANGALA I STAGE, also known as INDIRANAGAR I Stage, in Ward No. 82 (old) New Ward No. 80 of Hoysala Nagar Municipal Sub-Division, BENGALURU -560 038** (formerly being Portion of Property No.169, 9th Cross, Binnamangala First Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore), total **built up area of 1100 Square feet,** with Undivided ½ (half) Share, right, title and ownership interest in the total land area measuring 1517 Sq.feet (which share works out to **758.50 Sq.feet**) together with the Open space and portico on the Southern side of the built portion of premises, vacant space in front of the built portion (excluding the Staircase which is in the center which leads to the first floor premises of the building), being bounded on the :

EAST BY : 9th CROSS ROAD;
WEST BY : Out-houses portions belonging to Mr. Prasanna and Mr. Jagannathan;
NORTH BY : Passage left for the use of the owners Of the out-houses and beyond that is premises Bearing No.168;
SOUTH BY : Property bearing No.170, 9th Cross, Indiranagar;

RAMESH D. SHAH, ADVOCATE
No.1, 4th Cross, Meenakshi Koil St Cross,
Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560051.
Place : Bengaluru. Date: 06-10-2023.

Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department
Office of The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Chickballapur Division, Chickballapur. Phone: 08156-270058
E-mail ID: **eerdwsd.ckb2@gmail.com**
No:EE:RDW&SD:CBP:AE-1: 2023-24 DATE: 29.09.2023

Tender Notification
No: 18/2023-24, Date: 29.09.2023

Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Chickballapur, On behalf of Governor of Karnataka Invites request for proposal of tenders from the eligible bidders for the work of Providing FHTC"S to **25 Villages in Chinthamani Taluk Chickballapur District.** Two Cover tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTPP act shall be followed. The tenderers are required to submit **(Under KW-II & KW-III)** tenders through KPPP portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ (1)** Last Date & Time for Queries **:12.10.2023 Time : 5.30 PM. (2)** Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids **:14.10.2023 Time: 5.30 PM. (3)** Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening: **16.10.2023 Time : 11.00 AM. (4)** Date & Time of Financial **Bid Opening:18.10.2023 Time : 11.00 AM.** More details can be had from the office of the undersigned and also through **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** by clicking List of Tenders which will link to all Dept. works list.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, Chickballapur
DIPR/CHIKKBALLAPUR/RO:105/KSMCA/2023-24

Government of Karnataka
KARNATAKA FOREST DEPARTMENT
KUNDAPURA DIVISION, KUNDAPURA
No.C2.CR/49/Timber Auction/23-24 Date: 25.09.2023
KARNATAKA FOREST CODE, 1976
APPENDIX XVIII A (Rule 64)
Detailed Notification for e-Tender cum Auction of Timber in Vandse, Hardalli-Mandalli, Seethanadi, Hosmar depot of Kundapura Division, Kundapura

It is hereby notified for the general information of the public that, the following kinds and quantity of timber and other forest produce stocked and lotted in the **Vandse, Hardalli-Mandalli, Seethanadi, Hosmar** Government Timber Depot of **Kundapura Division** will be sold through the public e-tender cum auction method in one or more sessions on **Vandse 20.10.2023, Hardalli-Mandalli 20.10.2023 Hosmar 21.10.2023, Seethanadi 25.10.2023 and 26.10.2023 from 10.00 A.M** till the bidding for all lots is completed. The Sale Conducting Officer will be the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kundapura Division, Kundapura.

DIPR/ADU/KSMCA/304/23-24 Dt. 05.10.2023
Sd/- **Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kundapura Division, Kundapura**

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ಸಹಿ/– ಉಪನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು (ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ)
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DIPR/BGK/RO-NO-140/KSMCA/2023-24

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East by : Main Building Premises No.169 (Ground floor) & No. 169/3 (First floor) 9 th Cross Road;
West by : Premises No.136;
North by : Premises No.169/2
South by : Premises No.170;
This property is having proper access through the Common Passage measuring 3 feet in width and 41 feet in length running from East to West and bisecting towards the south measuring 4'-6" in width and 20 feet in length connecting to the said premises to the Main 9th CROSS ROAD, for ingress and egress purposes, together with building, structures and fittings now standing thereon.

RAMESH D. SHAH, ADVOCATE
No.1, 4th Cross, Meenakshi Koil St. Cross,
Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560051.
Place : Bengaluru. Date: 06-10-2023.

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Place : Bengaluru. Date: 06-10-2023.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Equality and identity

Equitable distribution of resources must not be by accentuating caste identity

The significance of Bihar conducting a caste survey and publishing a caste-wise count of its population is quite immense. The survey, which had all the trappings of a census, complete with a two-stage process of house-listing followed by the eliciting of information from the households, has shown that 63% of Bihar's 13 crore population belong to castes listed under the Extremely Backward Classes (EBC) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) categories. The socio-economic profiles of the people have also been recorded, but are yet to be revealed. At the national level, it may give a boost to the political demand for a country-wide caste census and push the judicial discourse towards reconsidering the 50% legal ceiling on total reservation in education and government services. In terms of party politics, it may open a new chapter in the traditional conflict between the BJP seeking to consolidate all sections of Hindus into one massive support base and other parties banking on different sections of the OBCs. At a time when Hindutva is seen to have trumped parties that banked on OBC assertion, influential social groups may now sense an opportunity to leverage their size to get their interests advanced by the political class. On the legal side, the numbers may be utilised to present the sort of 'quantifiable data' that the judiciary has been asking for to justify the levels of reservation obtaining in various States.

Bihar's exercise marks a precedent on how a caste count should be conducted. The methodology included giving a code to each of the 214 castes in the State's lists of castes. Sub-castes and sects were identified in advance and subsumed under a broader caste name. This meant that the enumerators could assign a code to any caste name given by a respondent. A major reason for the Union government not releasing the caste-related details of its 2011 'Socio-economic and Caste Census' was that the data it yielded was too confusing and unwieldy. As many as 46 lakh castes were named by the people, presumably because they gave castes, sub-castes, sects, clans, and surnames when asked to name their castes. While there are functional and practical advantages to knowing exact caste numbers, it is not to be forgotten that the larger goal of the Constitution remains the attainment of a casteless society. Affirmative action indeed helps address inequities in society. The state must also look for ways to ensure equality of opportunity and equitable distribution of resources without accentuating caste identity.

Inspiring colours

Chemistry Nobel Prize goes to trio that made 'artificial atoms'

Travelling in a bus can be an enjoyable experience if you have your own seat, the vehicle is not crowded, and there is a nice breeze. But if the bus is packed with people, you can get irritable. Something similar happens to atoms: if they are contained in a vessel at a low density, they behave in a certain way, but if they are packed densely together, with little moving space, something new happens. The 2023 Nobel Prize in Chemistry has been awarded to three people who found out what happens. Technically, they have been selected for discovering and refining quantum dots – small crystals a few nanometres wide. Each quantum dot has only a few thousand atoms (whereas a single droplet of water can have a sextillion). And because the atoms are packed so closely together in the dot, their electrons are very close to each other. In this setting, the laws of quantum mechanics describe the behaviour of quantum dots – so much so that an entire dot can mimic the behaviour of an atom. The dots have another famous property. If you shine some light on a quantum dot, it will absorb and re-emit that light at a different frequency (or colour) depending on its size. Smaller dots emit light of higher frequency (bluer) and vice versa. So, a quantum dot made of some material would respond in one way whereas a quantum dot made of the same material but smaller would respond differently. For these reasons, quantum dots have found many applications in transistors, lasers, medical imaging, and quantum computing. In 1981, Alexei Ekimov, then working in the Soviet Union, first synthesised quantum dots 'frozen' inside glass. Two years later, Louis Brus synthesised quantum dots in a solution in the U.S., and worked out their quantum-physical properties. Finally, Moungi Bawendi, whose work on quantum dots began as a student under Dr. Brus, found a way to make quantum dots of high quality in an easy and reliable way in 1993. For their contributions, they have shared the Nobel Prize.

Some of the most fascinating scientific discoveries, for all their technical sophistication, are actually innocuous in their appeal. Quantum dots are one such. Understanding why they behave the way they do requires specialised knowledge of quantum mechanics, but quantum mechanics do not dictate their behaviour. Dr. Ekimov himself was inspired by the colours in stained glass. While quantum dots light up LED screens and the location of a tumour that needs to be removed, it is important not to lose sight of the colours – the reds, the greens, and the blues – and whatever more they might inspire.

National unity, a three-dimensional view

Varghese K. George

India's national unity evolved over more than a century, through political and social movements and legal and constitutional designs. This involved intense battles and wise compromises among constituent groups. The national identity thus constituted developed along three dimensions. The first dimension is the search for harmony and justice among castes, the second is harmony of religious communities, and the third is a common ground among various regional identities. These three dimensions can be alternatively labelled as Hindu unity, Hindu-Muslim unity, and heartland-periphery unity. A milestone in this journey was the making of the Constitution, but there is a long prelude and an ongoing postlude to it.

M.K. Gandhi was the primary spokesperson of the first two axes – Hindu unity and Hindu-Muslim unity. He declared himself a Hindu when that category was still contested. "I find peace in the Hindu religion... I studied other religions also, and I decided that whatever its defects and drawbacks, Hinduism alone could be the religion for me. That is what I feel and that is why I call myself a Sanatani Hindu," he told the Gauhati session of the Indian National Congress in 1926, and held on to that belief until death. Gandhi attempted to interpret Hinduism in an increasingly inclusive manner. He insisted on its legitimacy as a historical category independent of the subcontinent's encounter with colonialism and other religious traditions. "Gandhi assumed that loyalty to religion was the dominant loyalty in India," writes historian Ravinder Kumar, who also notes a "conspicuous absence of the language of class" during the Rowlatt Satyagraha.

The three axes

Gandhi recognised that caste-based discrimination would hinder Hindu unity, which in turn would obstruct national unity. B.R. Ambedkar argued that emancipation of the depressed classes can be achieved only through their separation from the entrenched cultural universe called Hinduism. The biggest challenge in Gandhi's Hindu unity platform was the proposed separate electorate for the depressed classes. Ambedkar and the colonial rulers were on the same side of the debate on Communal Award in 1932. Gandhi was willing to die to enforce Hindu unity. The Poona Pact between the two leaders agreed on assuring representation for the depressed classes, but without a separate electorate. As part of the larger Hindu whole, the depressed classes would get more representation than they would have got under the proposal for a separate electorate.

Reservation remains part of state policy and politics, envisaged largely as an instrument to mitigate caste-based disadvantages within Hindu society. Dalits who convert to Christianity or Islam become ineligible for reservation under the Scheduled Caste category.

Hindu unity was non-negotiable for Gandhi, but Hindu-Muslim unity was an equally important second pillar of national unity for him. Gandhi viewed Muslims as a distinct community, recognised their autonomy, and sought out Muslim leaders in efforts to build Hindu-Muslim unity. He joined forces with the Khilafat Movement, which was driven by a transnational Muslim agenda but united with Hindus in its anti-imperialist edge. "There are two things to which I am devoting my life – permanent unity between Hindus and Muslims, and Satyagraha," declared Gandhi. His efforts at Hindu-Muslim unity by accepting them as two distinct political communities may have, paradoxically, helped antagonistic communal politics that would emerge in parallel. This acceptance of the cultural and religious autonomy of minorities too found its way into the Constitution.

> India's national unity can be viewed as a three-dimensional construct — of castes, religions and regions. BJP has turned it into a unidimensional pursuit of Hindu consolidation in the heartland

The third axis, of the link between the heartland and periphery, took shape in response to the realities that the founders encountered during the making of the Constitution. During the national movement, a Hindi public sphere that emerged in the northern plains had begun to equate itself with the 'national', and sentiments elsewhere were ignored. Gandhi himself was a promoter of Hindi as the national language. "It is up to my friends in Uttar Pradesh to have a whole India; it is up to them to have a Hindi-India. The choice is theirs," said T.T. Krishnamachari, a member of the Constituent Assembly, when Hindi members insisted on enforcing Hindi across the country. Realising the danger in pushing for Hindi, the question of a national language was delayed initially for 15 years and then indefinitely. Article 370 gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir; the Sixth Schedule gave autonomy to the tribal populations in the Northeast. In 1976, considering the diverging population trends in the south and the north, inter-State redistribution of Lok Sabha representation was suspended for 25 years, and then again in 2002 for another 25 years.

A unidimensional pursuit

This national compact has been constantly evolving, and is often interspersed with violence. Three Gandhis have been assassinated in the last 75 years. New aspirations and demands of constituent groups strained this developing compact, which manifested as the gradual unravelling of the Congress system. Coalition politics that brought together separate interest groups was the outcome, but after 30 years of experiments, it was replaced by a new form of national consolidation that the BJP came to represent. The difference this time was that the BJP turned unity into a unidimensional pursuit. It used the Hindutva ideology to take over the Hindi/Hindu heartland where the Gandhian national movement had flourished. The BJP unburdened itself of the task of nurturing Hindu-Muslim unity and unity of regions. On the contrary, by portraying the aspirations of the peripheries and religious minorities as a threat to the nation, it made heartland Hindu consolidation easier, and stronger than ever before. This also entails privileging harmony and hierarchy over justice in inter-caste relationships. The proponents of Hindutva suggest that the nation has been weakened, not strengthened, by the accommodations accorded to peripheral communities and regions, which they label 'appeasement.' This political consolidation in the heartland got the BJP 55% of the Lok Sabha seats with 37% share of the votes in 2019.

This parliamentary majority has emboldened the ruling party to unilaterally change the terms with religious and regional groups, and it plans to change more. The inter-State redistribution of Lok Sabha seats that is scheduled to follow the first Census after 2026 will shift more power to BJP strongholds above the Vindhyas from the south, potentially enabling more unilateralism. This is projected as a new era of national unity where fractured verdicts have become history and there is no challenge to the exercise of power by the national government. Newer forms of coercion and distortion of public discourse are required to sustain this model.

An ongoing conversation

The BJP says that India's national evolution matured in 2014. Its focus has been on the single dimension of Hindu unity which it believes renders questions of minority group rights immaterial, while its primary opponent, the Congress, focused on the other two dimensions – harmony of Hindus and Muslims, and regions. Understanding caste justice as fraternal unity among Hindus had come to be seen as regressive; calls for the dismemberment of Hinduism were claimed as a more radical position against caste discrimination. But Hinduism today is far more hegemonic than it was during Gandhi's time, and subaltern masses on whose behalf its destruction is sought are not enthused by that call.

At the same time, the yearning for a fairer, equitable, just social order animates subaltern castes, for instance, which is expressed around the caste survey in Bihar. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's campaign for caste justice takes on entrenched groups, most importantly liberals in his own party. Similarly, new challenges to the unity of regions over Hindi and the impending delimitation are emerging. A renewed and dynamic conversation along all the three axes is needed to reinforce national unity in the new era. This conversation is not about fragmentation but unification.

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Defusing the ticking time bomb called diabetes

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In June 2023, a study conducted by the Madras Diabetes Research Foundation in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research and the Union Health Ministry revealed that 11.4% of India's population or 10.13 crore people are living with diabetes and 15.3% of the population or an additional 13.6 crore people are pre-diabetic. It also found that 28.6% of the population would be considered to be obese as per the BMI measure.

Consumption of ultra-processed foods

According to the World Health Organization, a major reason for this is the consumption of unhealthy ultra-processed foods and beverages, which are aggressively marketed displacing traditional diets. Such food includes carbonated drinks, instant cereals, chips, fruit-flavoured drinks, instant noodles, cookies, ice cream, bakery products, energy bars, sweetened yogurts, pizzas, processed meat products, and powdered infant formulas.

Scientific evidence shows that diets heavy with ultra-processed food and beverages or high in sugar, fat, and salt are risky and can lead to diabetes. A 10% increase in the consumption of ultra-processed food a day is associated with a 15% higher risk of type-2 diabetes among adults. When food is ultra-processed, its structure is destroyed and cosmetic additives, colours, and flavours are added. This makes people eat more, gain weight, and heightens the risk of diabetes and other chronic diseases. Further, obesity and diabetes are key risk factors for heart disease and deaths. A study showed that those who had more than four servings of ultra-processed food a day were much more at risk of cardiovascular mortality than those who took less than two servings a day. An upward trend was found for all-cause mortality too.

> Only a legal framework or an ordinance with the objective of reducing/halting the consumption of ultra-processed foods can safeguard people from the strategies of the food industry

A playground for the food industry

It is reported that the sale of sugar-sweetened beverages has fallen in the last 20 years in many high-income countries. To compensate for the loss of sales, companies are now focusing on low- and middle-income countries. India is a playground for the food industry. Billions of rupees are spent on marketing and advertising ultra-processed food and beverages, which leads to increased consumption by vulnerable populations. While the food industry blames people for bad choices, it is not the people but the environment around them that is to blame. Marketing targets younger generations and the growing middle class, making it hard for an individual to choose healthy food options. Children in particular are exposed to cartoon characters and given incentives and gifts. Celebrity endorsements also determine their consumption decisions.

The result is a deepening public health crisis, the ticking time bomb of diabetes. Sugar-sweetened beverages are a major source of added sugar in diets and put people at a higher risk of type 2 diabetes. In such a context, policy and regulatory actions are warranted.

The food industry does not want any restrictions on marketing; they offer partnerships as well as arguments of economic development as 'stakeholders'. The food industry also participates in programmes such as 'Eat Right', making false promises. Such partnerships do not allow us to make a strong regulation that could reduce the consumption of ultra-processed food and beverages. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has shown a lacklustre response to the crisis and allowed a dominating role to the food industry while suggesting front-of-package labelling, which is still not in place. Many say that people should exercise. While this is good for health, it should be in addition to a regulatory policy on restricting the marketing of ultra-processed foods and providing warning labels on junk food and beverages.

Mandatory provisions

The only way the government can safeguard people from the manipulative strategies of the food industry is through a legal framework or even an ordinance (Article 123 of the Constitution) with the objective of reducing/halting the consumption of ultra-processed foods. It could also include defining 'healthy food', a warning label on unhealthy food, and restrictions on the promotion and marketing tactics of unhealthy food and beverages. The people must be informed of the risk of consuming such food. In this process, there is no reason to partner with the food industry that is responsible for ill health.

The governments of South Africa, Norway, and Mexico have recently taken similar actions. The Government of India can show its strength to regulate food labelling and marketing. Such a law will be a clear demonstration of the will of the government. The Infant Milk Substitutes, Feeding Bottles, and Infant Foods Act flattened the growth of commercial baby food. The proposed new law could do the same to unhealthy foods and beverages. This is an idea whose time has come.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NewsClick case

It is amusing that the trigger for the government's actions against NewsClick was an article published in *The New York Times* ("Undeclared Emergency," October 5). Not too long ago, a Union Minister called *The New York Times* "supari media" over its report which claimed that the Indian government bought the Pegasus spy tool in 2017 as part of a deal with Israel. There have been many instances of the government being wary of the foreign press and criticising it. Now, suddenly, the credibility of this publication seems to have gone up in the government's esteem.

A. Venkatasubramanian,
Tiruchi

The arrest of Prabir Purkayastha under the draconian provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act by the Delhi Police has once again turned the spotlight on declining press freedom in the country. It is shocking that the police and Enforcement Directorate are not adhering to due process. The increasing weaponisation of archaic laws such as UAPA and the misuse of law-enforcement agencies to intimidate media houses which refuse to toe the line of the ruling party casts a big shadow over the country's standing as a liberal democracy on the global stage.

M. Jeyaram,
Madurai

It is the responsibility of investigating agencies to provide concrete evidence before initiating action under a stringent law against anyone. Though the media is not immune to any law of the land, considering the nature of its work it should not be dealt with based on mere suspicion of wrongdoing.

D.V.G. Sankara Rao
Vizianagaram

Sikkim disaster

It is said to see beautiful Sikkim turn into a disaster zone ("Seven dead as glacial lake bursts in Sikkim," Oct. 5). This is happening time and again in the Himalayan region. Industrial and agricultural expansion at the cost of forest cover, more hotels and resorts, unscientific planning, and heavy infrastructural development are all making this vulnerable region more susceptible to disaster. Unless we strictly enforce afforestation measures, an anti-encroachment policy, monitor glacial lakes, listen to warnings, and streamline tourism inflow, Sikkim and other places in that region will only continue to see more such tragedies.

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Does cash take away the cachet of science awards?

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PARLEY

Nearly a year after the Union government decided to cut the number of prizes annually awarded by its science-affiliated Ministries, it has instituted the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar (RVP) – 56 prizes to felicitate scientists, technologists and innovators. However, like the Padma awards, these awards will no longer have a cash component. Does removing money reduce the prestige of awards? Shekhar Mande and Dinesh Sharma discuss this in a conversation moderated by **Jacob Koshy**. Edited excerpts:

The RVP subsumes the existing Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar (SSB) awards that the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has been awarding since the 1960s. However, it seems that the awardees will no longer get prize money. Will this not be a disappointment for scientists?

Shekhar Mande: The ultimate motivation for a scientist is not really an award; it is to make a substantial contribution to the world of knowledge and (hope that) our discoveries or scientific contributions will one day appear in textbooks. Several scientists aspire that subsequent generations learn about their findings. Those who do good work automatically earn recognition, which could also be annoying at times. Having talked to several Nobel Laureates, I've heard that winning the prize takes their time away from science. This is because of greater involvement in public speaking and trying to get people motivated to [choose] careers in science. That is not bad in itself; it is, in fact, desirable.

Nonetheless, the primary motivation is not an award or money. There is the famous story of Grigori Perelman, the Russian mathematician, who solved the Poincare conjecture (a math problem unsolved for over a century). He was awarded the Fields Medal (considered the Nobel Prize for mathematics) but refused it (saying he is 'not interested in money or fame'). Awards and money aren't the only motivations for scientists.

Dinesh Sharma: It is a welcome decision to have a new set of awards for scientists and engineers. In a country with such with a large science and technology infrastructure, we need many more science awards because they act as incentives for researchers and scientists.

What is disappointing is that the RVP subsumes existing awards, including the SSB awards. And of course, there will be no cash component. But what makes an award truly prestigious? Is it only the money? If you take away money [from the] SSB, does it lose prestige? Who confers the award matters. The SSB combines all these attributes and that's what makes it important because, as we know, S.S. Bhatnagar was one of the founding fathers of Indian science. So, although it was given by CSIR, it had a pan-India reach and anybody could apply for it. Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, who passed away last week, was awarded the SSB in 1961 when he was a young scientist at IARI (Indian Agricultural Research Institute); he was not famous at the time. And maybe that propelled him to do more. So, all this brings prestige to this award. By abolishing the SSB awards or by diluting its character, you are taking away the heritage and prestige built over time.

The Union Minister of State for Science and Technology, Bhuvnesh Chaturvedi, with the winners of the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar awards in New Delhi, in 1993. THE HINDU ARCHIVES

Dr. Mande, you are an SSB awardee and a former head of CSIR. Do we know when cash began to be given along with the awards?

SM: The awards were instituted in the 1960s to recognise those who contributed not only to Indian science but science in general. I'm not sure when money was added to the prize. Today, many awards which have been instituted by private organisations give far more money than the SSB awards, but I think they are yet to reach the same level of acceptability.

We know that Indian scientists are not the best paid in the world. For decades now, the natural sciences have not been able to attract more and more of the brightest people. And despite a large scientific pool, India hasn't been able to allocate even 1% of its GDP to research and development (R&D), whereas technologically advanced nations contribute close to 2%. So, is there a signal being sent that money isn't important to nurture Indian science? Moreover, the most prestigious sports, literature, and film awards come with money.

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> DINESH SHARMA

SM: The new structure announced tries to reward a larger number of scientists and removes many of the difficulties we have had with the SSB awards. Five awards were given only in seven disciplines and at most two people (per award). During my tenure (as Director General), we were debating whether we should add more disciplines. That problem seems to have been addressed. (The Vigyan Yuva-SSB will be awarded to at least 25 recipients spanning 13 disciplines.) Money in science is an issue that all of us have been debating time and again. However, a substantial part of the 2% GDP in other countries also comes from private organisations. Unfortunately in India, the contribution from private industry to R&D is not heavy. There are exceptions, but a large number of industries still do not put in the money that they should (in R&D).

DS: I think it is unfair to compare scientists with sportsperson or actors because scientists aren't primarily motivated by money and fame. However, being popular is important for actors and sportspersons as they become brands and, after winning medals, make more money. China tried to do the same thing (provide cash incentives to scientists) a few years ago and it became very controversial. In other countries too, they started giving cash incentives to scientists who get published in top-ranking journals, such as *Nature*, *Science* and *Cell*. It became a race among scientists to publish a paper in one of these top journals rather than pursue their rational line of research. When the Infosys Prize was launched with ₹50,00,000 as prize money, there was a fear that it will undermine the [prestige of] SSB. But it did not do so. Although the Infosys Prize has gone to some fantastic people, it hasn't replaced the brand value of the SSB, which is so strong, but is undermined by removing the cash component. The CSIR has constantly evolved these awards, starting by awarding ₹10,000 (in the 1960s) to ₹5 lakh (for the prize winners of 2022). Money brings prestige and incentive to the scientists to work. If doing away with money was an independent decision of the CSIR council, that would have been acceptable, but this is a decision imposed by the government and clearly undermines the autonomy of scientific institutions. That's a larger issue apart from the money component.

How do you make careers in science more attractive to the young beyond mega prizes?

DS: There is a crisis across disciplines and professions, not just science, with notable exceptions. There was a time when people came to journalism to serve society,. That was in the early years following Independence. Dr. Swaminathan qualified to become an IPS (Indian Police Service) officer, which he rejected because he wanted to work in science. Then he went on to do his PhD and came back and joined the Agricultural Research Institute. People chose professions for the love of that subject or because they wanted to serve society since those were the days of nation building. Dr. Swaminathan was moved by the Bengal famine in the 1940s. Such motivations may be lacking now.

But yes, there are several youngsters who would like to take up a career in science. And for that they need a reasonable salary. Scientists are human beings. With youngsters, there is an urge to do something, achieve something, get published in a research journal, but they also want to have decent money to lead their life. Unless we give them an attractive package, this crisis will continue. We need role models. And we need good money.

SM: I don't think the romanticism for science has died down. I know several young people who secured the top ranks in the Joint Entrance Examination (for slots at the Indian Institutes of Technology) but have come to areas such as mathematics or physics. Many scientists in our labs are among the brightest in the world. Some may go abroad, but they are not lost to the world of science. They have made some fantastic contributions over the years. While many of the Central universities continue to attract the best to science, there is a real concern that many who choose science in State universities have chosen it for lack of other options.

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NOTEBOOK

A battle for Rivaldo

How persistent reporting on a captured elephant eventually led to his release back into the wild

Rohan Premkumar

In 2021, a wild elephant named Rivaldo, from the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve in the Nilgiris in Tamil Nadu, was taken into "captivity" by the forest department following years of complaints from local residents. Rivaldo, they said, would wander through their villages and scour garbage bins for food.

Rivaldo, who was known for his gentle demeanour, was kept inside a kraal or enclosure in his home range at Vazhaithottam in Mudumalai. Mahouts had been employed to "tame" him so that he could be taken to the Theppakadu Elephant Camp, where he was to live the rest of his life in captivity.

Most media reports centred around the concerns of the local non-Adivasi settlers at Sigur in the Nilgiris, who wanted the elephant captured. I visited the kraal where Rivaldo was kept by the forest department. This offered me a chance to see up-close how his removal from the landscape not only affected him, but also the other elephants with whom he had formed strong bonds.

Staring through the wooden grates of the kraal during my visit, Rivaldo suddenly became agitated and had to be pacified by the mahouts who surrounded him. When I asked them what happened, they said that Rivaldo could sense that another elephant, Messi, was close to the kraal and wanted to break out from the enclosure. "Though they spent most of their time apart, these two elephants used to meet every evening before Rivaldo's capture. Ever since Rivaldo was put inside the kraal, Messi has been visiting him every day. He keeps trying to come close to the area and we have to chase him away," said one of the forest department staff. He said that Rivaldo only showed signs of distress when he could sense other elephants in the region whom he knew well.

Following my visit, animal rights activists and conservation biologists, whose pleas to release Rivaldo back into the wild had been largely ignored by the local press until then, managed to band together and work towards getting the gentle giant released back into the wild. After The Hindu published a number of articles highlighting the need to release the animal, the forest department constituted a committee of experts to deliberate on this question. A few weeks later, Rivaldo was released.

Since then, I have seen Rivaldo often. He socialises with the community of elephants in the Sigur plateau and has minimal interactions with the people. This is because of the tireless efforts of the forest department staff, who constantly monitor him and ensure that he is driven away into the surrounding reserve forests when he strays too close to settlements.

Every time I see this majestic tusker, I recall the fate of other iconic elephants from the Nilgiris, such as Ganesan and Ronaldo, who too lived in habitats between forest areas and places where human communities thrive. Ganesan was a much-loved rotund behemoth who had never attacked anyone. One day, when he strayed into a farm, local residents chased him away with fireworks. While fleeing, Ganesan stumbled into a sewage pit and died. Ronaldo, who also shared the same habitat bordering the village of Vazhaithottam with Rivaldo, was "burned to death" when the owner of an illegal homestay threw a burning sack at him when he was trying to raid a plantation. The sack got ensnared around his tusks, causing serious injuries. Ronaldo died a few days later.

Giving names for elephants who live between forest habitats and human settlements often helps people understand their behaviour better. It also allows journalists to see negative human-elephant interactions through the eyes of the people as well as the elephants, piece together the ecological factors that lead to such conflict, and report on ways in which such conflict can be minimised while also ensuring a fulfilling life for the animal.

Each time I stumble across Rivaldo in the wild, I feel partly responsible for the fact that he is free. And while that is a matter of pride, I also hope that it was the right call to release him into the wild. We live in the hope that Rivaldo has a long, fulfilling life and does not meet the same end as Ganesan or Ronaldo.

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

The deluge in Sikkim

A vehicle lies upturned in Rangpo town after flash floods swamped Sikkim. A lake formed from the gradual melting of a Himalayan glacier suddenly overflowed or 'burst' and inundated the Teesta river basin, causing the flash floods. Fourteen people have died and 102 others, including 22 Army personnel, have been reported missing. The floods also resulted in the breach of the Chungthang dam, the largest hydropower project in the State. AP

FROM THE ARCHIVES The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO FROM OCTOBER 5, 1973 AS THERE WAS NO EDITION ON OCTOBER 6

US agrees Ind-Pak. military parity impracticable

Washington, Oct. 4: The point that there could be no question of military parity between India and Pakistan has been conceded on behalf of the United States by its new Secretary of State, Dr. Henry Kissinger, during his talks with the External Affairs Minister, Mr. Swaran Singh, here yesterday. The question of parity was raised by the Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, in an interview given by him here during his recent visit. This matter reportedly figured at Mr. Swaran Singh's talks with Dr. Kissinger yesterday. A clarification on U.S. policy was sought by Mr. Swaran Singh on the parity issue as well as arms aid to Pakistan. An assurance was given to him by Dr. Kissinger that the United States always recognised that India's defence requirements were of a much higher order than those of Pakistan. He was also told that the United States Administration never supported the concept of equal military strength between the two countries. On the question of arms supply to Pakistan the U.S. side repeated its earlier assurance that "there is no change" in its present policy of strictly confining supplies only to non lethal items and spare parts to equipment already supplied.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 6, 1923

Curzon's speech

London, Oct. 5: Lord Curzon occupied a three hour sitting of the Conference this morning reviewing the foreign situation. The greater part of his speech was necessarily confidential as it supplemented the written communication of the past 2 years by giving delegates orally the inner history of that period and explaining the springs of British policy since 1921.

It was decided that certain parts of the speech relating to matters of urgent importance be published, but it was pointed out that this would be a departure from procedure of all previous conferences. It is announced that Lord Curzon's speech at to-day's conference will be published, except portions of a highly confidential character.

From Page One

Sikkim flood death count rises to 14

Water pipelines, sewage lines and 277 houses, both kuchcha and concrete, have been destroyed in the four affected districts. Chungthang town bore the maximum brunt of the flood with 80% of it getting severely affected.

On Thursday, Pankaj Agrawal, Secretary, Ministry of Power, convened an emergency meeting to ascertain damage to projects operated by the National Hydropower Corporation (NHPC). All bridges downstream the Teesta-V hydropower station were submerged or washed out, disrupting communication.

"The floodwater overtopped the dam of the Teesta V power station [510 MW]. All connecting roads to the project sites as well as parts of the residential colony have been severely damaged," the Power Ministry said in a statement. "Presently the power station is shut and not generating any electricity."

The Teesta 3 power project is not operated by the NHPC.

One NHPC employee at the Teesta V power station lost his life. All of the organisation's other personnel at the site were safe.

Works on the under-construction Teesta VI (500 MW) of the NHPC were disrupted with water entering into the powerhouse and transformer cavern. Dams and hydropower projects in downstream West Bengal were not significantly affected but were kept shut from heavy siltation that resulted from the floodwaters.

"The NHPC is making all possible efforts to maintain supply of essential commodities such as food, medicine and electricity," said the Power Ministry.

Exact trigger not clear

The South Lhonak lake in northern Sikkim is situated about 5,200 metres above sea level. Scientists have previously warned that the lake had been expanding over years, possibly from the melting of the ice at its head. Nearly half the lake was drained out, according to a press statement by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). This was likely caused by an "avalanche from the ice-capped feature."

There is still uncertainty on the exact trigger for the glacial lake outburst, as the phenomenon is called with suggestions that excessive rain or an earthquake might have been a trigger. With heavy rain in the region, the India Meteorological Department has forecast rain till late Friday.

No evidence against Sisodia, SC tells ED

"You have to show that the person is actively connected with the proceeds of the crime, directly or indirectly," Justice Khanna told Mr. Raju.

Mr. Raju said Mr. Sisodia was "instrumental" in the making of a policy which led to bribes. "He should not have allowed the policy," the law officer said.

"Generation of money does not make an offence under Section 3 [offence of money laundering] of the PMLA... You should show he was involved in a process or activity actually connected with the proceeds of crime," the court responded.

The Bench is hearing Mr. Sisodia's plea for bail. He has been in custody since February 2023 in connection with the liquor excise policy case.

Arrested in February

The Delhi High Court had in May refused to grant Mr. Sisodia bail after agreeing with the CBI's objection that he was an influential person who may use his power to influence witnesses and derail the case.

Similarly, Mr. Sisodia had also failed in July to obtain bail in money laundering charges arraigned against him in connection with the excise policy case.

He was arrested by the CBI on February 26 for alleged corruption in the formulation and implementation of the now-scrapped Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22 following several rounds of questioning.

In March, the trial court had dismissed Mr. Sisodia's bail plea saying he was *prima facie* the "architect" of the alleged scam and had played the "most important and vital role" in the criminal conspiracy related to alleged payment of advance kickbacks of nearly ₹100 crore meant for him and his colleagues in the Delhi government.

Norway's Jon Fosse wins Nobel for literature

"I am overwhelmed and grateful. I see this as an award to the literature that first and foremost aims to be literature, without other considerations," Mr. Fosse said in a statement.

The chairman of the Nobel committee, Anders Olsson, told reporters that Mr. Fosse had come to be regarded as an innovator through his "ability to evoke... loss of orientation, and how this paradoxically can provide access to a deeper experience, close to divinity".

After studying literature, he made his debut in 1983 with the novel *Red, Black,* which moves back and forth in time and between perspectives.

His latest book, *Septology*, a semi-autobiographical magnum opus – seven parts spread across three volumes – runs to 1,250 pages without a single full stop. The third volume was shortlisted for the 2022 International Booker Prize.

India looking to engage with the new Maldives govt. on all issues, says MEA

Maldives President-elect meets Indian High Commissioner a day after saying that Indian military personnel would be asked to leave the islands; MEA officials decline to say who would be sent to represent India at Muizzu's swearing-in ceremony

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

India looks forward to engaging the new Maldives government on "all issues", the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Thursday, responding to the Maldivian President-elect Mohamed Muizzu's statement that Indian military personnel would be asked to leave the islands.

On Wednesday evening, Indian High Commissioner to Male Munnu Mahawar met Mr. Muizzu, and handed over a letter from Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulating him on his electoral victory.

"Our High Commissioner in Male called on the President-elect, and he had a good discussion on various aspects of our bilateral relationship including development cooperation," MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said.

MEA officials did not comment on who would be sent to represent New Delhi at Mr. Muizzu's swearing-in ceremony. In an unprecedented gesture in 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had attended President Ibu Solih's inauguration ceremony in Male.

Changing hands: The election results have been widely seen as an upset for India, that had close ties with Ibu Solih administration. AFP

'India Out' campaign

Last Saturday's run-off election saw Mr. Muizzu, the former Mayor of Male, defeat incumbent Maldives President Mr. Solih by 19,000 votes, or an 8% margin. The results have been widely seen as an upset for India, that had close ties with the Solih administration.

Speaking at a public rally after the elections, Mr. Muizzu, who stood as the candidate for the PNC-PPM coalition that had campaigned on an "India Out" plank, had said that the "sovereignty" of the Maldives was most important.

"The people have decided and don't want Indian troops to stay in the Maldives. Therefore, foreign soldiers cannot be here against our sentiments, against our will," the President-elect was quoted as saying by Maldivian news outlets on Tuesday.

"So, I have to tell the [Indian] ambassador who is going to meet me that we will have a very good relationship with these values," he had added.

While India has had a strong military presence in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) for many years, naval and air force personnel have been stationed on the Addu and Lammu islands since 2013 in order to maintain and operate two helicopters and Dornier aircraft that India had loaned the Maldives for reconnaissance operations over the past decade.

In November 2021, the Maldives National Defence Force told a Parliamentary Committee that a total of 75 Indian military personnel were stationed in the Maldives.

In February 2021, the Maldivian opposition protested an MoU or draft agreement on maritime security signed by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with the Maldives Defence Minister, in order to construct a Coast Guard harbour base at the Uthuru Thila Falhu atoll. The construction was inaugurated during a visit by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in May this year, and this has been the focus of the PPM's "India Out" protests.

While the MEA spokesperson did not specifically respond to Mr. Muizzu's threat to remove Indian military personnel – a move that could overturn an important component of India-Maldives strategic ties in the past few years – he said that the two countries needed to cooperate "closely".

"The focus of our partnership with the Maldives has always been on capacity building and working together to address our shared challenges and priorities. As neighbours, we need to collaborate closely to address the challenges confronting our region such as transnational crimes and humanitarian assistance disaster relief," Mr. Bagchi said.

Hospital dean booked for culpable homicide

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Acting Dean and a doctor of Dr. Shankarrao Chavan Government Medical College and Hospital in Maharashtra's Nanded city, where 37 patients, including 18 newborns, died in a span of four days, were booked on charges of culpable homicide not amounting to murder after a woman and her infant died. Based on a complaint lodged against Dr. S.R. Wakode and the head, paediatricdepartment, Dr. Rathod, by a person in connection with the death of his daughter and her newborn child at the hospital, a case under Section 304-II and 34 of the Indian Penal Code was registered by the Rural Police, Additional Superintendent of Police Abinash Kumar told *The Hindu*.

A three-member expert committee has been set up to probe the incident. According to Mr. Kumar, the FIR would be sent to the committee and action would be taken based on its recommendations and police investigation.

Centre bans separatist leader Shabbir Shah's outfit for 5 years

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Centre has declared Jammu and Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party (JKDFP), founded by separatist leader Shabbir Ahmad Shah as an "unlawful association" under the anti-terror Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). The ban is effective for five years.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said that the members of JKDFP have been at the forefront of secessionist activities in Jammu and Kashmir and want to create a "separate Islamic State".

The Ministry said that the outfit has been involved in anti-national activities since 1998 and its members have always promoted separatism and terrorist acts in India. Many criminal cases have been registered against the outfit under various sections of the UAPA, the Indian Penal Code, the Arms Act and the Ranbir Penal Code.

Shabbir Ahmad Shah

The MHA, in a notification, said that JKDFP has been involved in raising funds through various sources for perpetrating unlawful activities and supporting terrorist activities. It added that JKDFP, its leaders or members, and particularly its founder Shabbir Ahmad Shah, have been indulging in unlawful activities, which are prejudicial to the integrity, sovereignty, security and communal harmony of the country. Mr. Shah is presently in jail.

The Ministry said it has several inputs showing links of the JKDFP with banned terrorist organisations.

"JKDFP and its members have been involved in the violent terrorist activities with an intent to create a reign of terror in the country, thereby endangering the security and public order of the State, and its anti-national activities also show disrespect and disregard to the constitutional authority and sovereignty of the state, hence an immediate and prompt action is required against the organisation," the notification said.

The Ministry said if the Hurriyat faction is not declared an unlawful association it would continue advocating the secession of J&K from India.

SC reserves verdict in review of JMM bribery case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A seven-judge Bench of the Supreme Court headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Thursday said the place – whether inside or outside the House – where an MP or MLA accepts a bribe does not matter.

The Bench was reviewing the law laid down by a majority in the JMM Bribery case judgment in 1998.

The Centre submitted that immunity of office under Articles 105(2) or 194(2) of the Constitution does not extend to MPs and MLAs when the action of receiving a bribe is completed outside the House. The Bench indicated that receiving a bribe was a crime under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

The court reserved the case for judgment.

India and Canada in talks on diplomatic staffing, says MEA

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India and Canada are in conversation about attaining "parity" in the diplomatic staff posted in each other's missions, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Thursday.

During his weekly press briefing, MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi reiterated India's charge of Canadian "interference" in India's internal affairs and indicated that India expects Canada to reduce the total number of its diplomats stationed here.

"Insofar as the discussions on parity... Given the much higher presence of Canadian diplomats here and their continued interference in our internal affairs, discussions are ongoing on the modalities of achieving this," Mr. Bagchi said. The official's remarks came days after the *Financial Times* reported that New Delhi has asked Ottawa to withdraw 41 diplomats stationed in India by October 10. The newspaper had also reported that India would withdraw the diplomatic immunity of the slotted Canadian officials if Ottawa failed to take them back by October 10.

Reiterating India's demand on ensuring the safety of its diplomats in the High Commission in Ottawa and other consulates in Canada, Mr. Bagchi said, "We have been taking up concerns of security of our diplomats and premises from people there who are wanted by our security and our judicial systems, and we will continue to do that as that is a continued conversation." Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, however, has maintained that Ottawa is not trying to "escalate" the situation, which erupted when he presented the findings of the investigation into the June 18 murder of Khalistan Tiger Force leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

The issue acquired additional seriousness on Thursday, after the U.S.-based publication *Politico* reported that that the U.S. Ambassador to India, Eric Garcetti, has cautioned his "in-country" team about the possibility of a downturn in India-U.S. ties because of the spat between New Delhi and Ottawa.

A U.S Embassy spokesperson dismissed the reports: "Ambassador Garcetti is working hard every day to deepen the partnership between the people and governments of the United States and India. As his personal engagement and public schedule demonstrates, Ambassador Garcetti and the US Mission to India are working every day to advance the important, strategic, and consequential partnership we have with India."

India conveys concerns to U.S. over PoK visit

NEW DELHI
India on Thursday said it raised its concerns with the U.S. over American envoy to Islamabad Donald Blome's recent visit to Gilgit-Baltistan in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and called on the world community to respect the country's sovereignty and territorial integrity. PTI

Political stability must for economy, says Nirmala

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Taking on critics who argue that India will become the world's third largest economy in a few years with or without government intervention, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that political stability and policy consistency was essential for the prospect to turn into a reality, especially in a world marred by unprecedented volatility.

Claiming that the government was not keen on taking credit, Ms. Sitharaman said that those treating the Indian economy's growth from the world's tenth-largest to the fifth-largest and beyond as a 'fait accompli' were not being fair to India's farmers, entrepreneurs, and the "struggling, weaker economic sections" whose efforts and aspirations have lifted the country.

Shah calls for uniform anti-terrorism structure under NIA in all States

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Thursday that along with a ruthless approach, a uniform anti-terrorism structure should be established under the purview of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in all the States.

The Minister made the remarks at the inauguration of the two-day anti-terror conference organised by NIA.

"A model anti-terrorism structure should be established under the purview of NIA, the hierarchy, structure, and standard operating procedure of investigation of all anti-terrorism agencies in all States should be made uniform for better coordination between Central and State agencies. The task of NIA, ATS, and STF should not be limited to investigation but they should also think out of the box and take innovative measures to counter the terrorism," Mr. Shah said.

Amit Shah addresses the inaugural session of an anti-terror conference hosted by the NIA, in New Delhi on Thursday. ANI

Mr. Shah said that the Central and State agencies had succeeded in firmly curbing all forms of terrorism in the country in the past nine years. Tough decisions taken by the Modi government have yielded very good results in handling challenges posed by cryptocurrencies, hawala, terror-funding, organised crime syndicates and narco-terror links. Still more is to be done, he added.

Mr. Shah stressed that all the agencies of the Centre and the State should make multidimensional and Artificial Intelligence-based use of the database in order to make the fight against terrorism successful.

APPEAL

Ms. Seerat Kaur, daughter of Avtar Singh, 11 years admitted in Christian Medical College, Ranipet is suffering from Thalassemia Major. This is a type of life threatening blood disorder. The best option for her would be to undergo allogeneic peripheral blood stem cell transplant (PBSCT). The estimated cost of PBSCT at this hospital is approximately **Rs. 15,00,000/-**.

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CWC meet on October 9 to discuss caste census, polls

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress Working Committee (CWC) will meet in the national capital on October 9 to discuss current political developments, including the Bihar caste survey's findings, and the upcoming Assembly elections, sources said on Thursday.

The party's highest decision-making body is meeting just days after the Nitish Kumar-led Bihar government released the findings of its caste survey. This will also be the first CWC meeting since the law to reserve seats for women in legislative bodies was passed.

The upcoming Assembly elections will also come up for discussion.

The CWC, which will meet at the All India Congress Committee headquarters for the first time after being reconstituted, is likely to follow up on the discussions and decisions taken at the Hyderabad meeting.

Supply copy of FIR to *NewsClick* founder, court tells Delhi Police

Counsel maintains that his clients have a right to get the FIR copy under Section 41D, however, the police earlier opposed the plea of the accused claiming that the case is sensitive; police continued to interrogate the staff members of the portal

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Patiala House court on Thursday allowed news portal *NewsClick* founder Prabir Purkayastha and human resource head Amit Chakraborty to get a copy of the first information report (FIR) in the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) case filed against them by the Delhi Police. The police had opposed it earlier in the day.

Additional Sessions Judge Hardeep Kaur passed the order after hearing Arshdeep Singh, counsel of the accused, and Additional Public Prosecutor Atul Srivastava.

Counsel had maintained that his clients have a right to get the FIR copy under Section 41D (right of arrested person to meet an advocate of his choice during interrogation) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Voicing protest: Journalists protest in Mumbai on Thursday against the action against *NewsClick* journalists. EMMANUAL YOGINI

"Law is very clear... Even if they are saying that the matter is sensitive, yet there is no bar," Mr. Singh said.

The Delhi Police opposed the plea and said the case is sensitive and that in such matters, the police can withhold the FIR.

"They can also approach the Police Commissioner... and even then if the FIR copy wouldn't have provided to them, they should have approached the court," Mr. Srivastava submitted, adding that proper procedure was not followed by the accused in this case.

Meanwhile, the Delhi Police continued to interrogate the staff members of *NewsClick* for the third consecutive day on Thursday.

A senior police officer from the Special Cell told *The Hindu* that a total of 10 persons, including employees, journalists and contractual workers associated with the news portal, were questioned.

He said journalists Abhisar and Urmilesh were questioned for the second time and more such questioning could be expected in the next few days.

Questioning to continue

"Repeated questioning will be followed," the police officer asserted.

The Delhi Police had on August 17 registered a case under Sections 13, 16, 17, 18 and 22 of the anti-terror UAPA pertaining to unlawful activities, raising of funds for a terrorist act, threatening witness and Sections 153 A and 120 B of the IPC (promoting religious enmity between groups on grounds of religion and criminal conspiracy respectively) against the news portal.

The FIR was registered days after *The New York Times* published a report on August 8 that the portal received money from American businessman Neville Roy Singham to spread Chinese propaganda.

As reported by *The Hindu*, the journalists and other staff members of *NewsClick* were asked questions about Delhi communal riots and the CAA agitation of 2019-20, farmers' protest of 2020-2021, their association with Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), and if they used encrypted messaging applications such as Signal on their phones or wrote anything about Sikh separatism issue.

'Action against portal a chilling attempt to silence brave voices'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

A group of prominent members of the civil society, including writers and historians, have expressed shock and concern on the recent searches on the houses of persons associated with the news portal *NewsClick*, and the arrest of two, including its editor-in-chief, Prabir Purkayastha, under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

In a joint statement, they said the action against persons connected to *NewsClick* was a "chilling attempt to silence their brave voices".

They said all of them were reputable journalists and activists who had a commendable body of work to their credit. Criticism was essential for a democracy and any attempt to mute voices was an assault on India's democratic spirit.

"By foisting cases under Sections of the UAPA and sealing the office of *NewsClick*, the state is attempting to vilify journalists who have consistently and fearlessly spoken truth to power," they said.

They expressed concern over the news that phones and laptops of many of those questioned had been confiscated by the Delhi Police. This was not merely a violation of their privacy but was also illegal as the confiscation was done without a court order, and the owners of the gadgets were not informed about the case details.

Recalling reports in the past about "manufactured pieces of evidence" planted in the confiscated devices of activists detained under the UAPA, they said they were "genuinely worried that similar attempts will be made in the case of journalists of *NewsClick*".

The signatories included activist Aruna Roy, writers Geetanjali Shree, K.R. Meera and Perumal Murugan, journalist P. Sainath, historian Ramachandra Guha, Carnatic musician T.M. Krishna and social historian and writer V. Geetha.

INDIA parties back AAP MP; Cong. gives qualified support

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

They criticised the BJP-led Union government for alleged misuse of investigating agencies

The Congress extended qualified support to Aam Aadmi Party Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh who was arrested on Wednesday by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with a money laundering probe linked to the Delhi excise policy case.

Equating Mr. Singh's arrest with that of Congress MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira in Punjab, the party's general secretary (organisation), K.C. Venugopal, said, "We cannot become those we oppose." The remark was also a swipe at the AAP government in Punjab over the arrest of Mr. Khaira.

The other INDIA parties have expressed support for Mr. Singh.

In a late-evening social media post, Mr. Venugopal said the AAP MP's arrest takes the BJP's vendetta politics to another level. "We stand in complete solidarity with him and reject the use of law enforcement agencies to settle political scores," he wrote on X.

The DMK, the RJD, the JD(U) and the Shiv Sena (Uddhav Thackeray) have issued strong statements criticising the Union government. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK leader M.K. Stalin said the BJP government's "vindictive politics knows no bounds". He said there was "deliberate persecution of Opposition leaders" and called it an "assault on democracy".

Court grants ED remand of Sanjay Singh till Oct. 10

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

The Rouse Avenue court here on Thursday granted the Enforcement Directorate (ED) custody of Sanjay Singh, Rajya Sabha member of the Aam Aadmi Party, till October 10 in a case pertaining to the now-scrapped Delhi excise policy.

The ED had sought 10 days of custody from the court of Special Judge M.K. Nagpal, who passed the order after hearing both sides at length.

The court said there was nothing at this stage to show that the statements of the approver in the case, Dinesh Arora, are tainted, and the arrest was not unwarranted or unreasonable.

Crunch time: Sanjay Singh leaves the Rouse Avenue court after appearing in the Delhi excise policy case in New Delhi. ANI

Zoheb Hossain, special counsel for the ED, submitted in the court that an estimated amount of ₹2 crore was exchanged at the residence of Mr. Singh in two tranches, which Mr. Arora had confirmed. He said Mr. Singh's custody was needed to trace evidence.

Mr. Arora, earlier, had turned approver in the case registered by the ED.

Senior advocate Mohit Mathur, who appeared for Mr. Singh, maintained that the demand of the agency was absurd and part of a plan to harass Mr. Singh. He also put a question mark on the tip-off given by Mr. Arora who may have implicated Mr. Singh to secure his liberty.

Between the arguments, the MP, who was present in the court, expressed shock at how the approver in this case had randomly decided to implicate him.

"I am not that unknown person whose name Mr. Arora has forgotten to add in the multiple statements given during the course of investigation," Mr. Singh said.

The ED, on Wednesday, arrested Mr. Singh following several hours of questioning in connection with the Delhi excise policy case, in which former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia is already in judicial custody.

Mr. Singh, who is considered close to AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal, is the third senior AAP leader to be arrested in less than a year-and-a-half, as former Delhi Public Works Department Minister Satyendar Jain was arrested by the ED on May 30 last year in an alleged money laundering case.

The court, earlier this month, allowed Mr. Arora and co-accused, Raghav Magunta, who is the son of YSRCP MP Magunta Sreenivasulu Reddy, to turn government witnesses in the case.

The probe is based on a case registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation against the then Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and others on August 17 last year, on a Union Home Ministry reference.

The case alleges deliberate irregularities in the framing and implementation of the excise policy and undue favours extended to the licencees in the form of waiver/reduction in the licence fee and an extension of L-1 licences without approval.

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क्रमांकः प.1(54)रायुबो/2023/पार्ट–I जयपुर, दिनांक 30.10.2023

अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा सूचना संख्या 09/2023–24
5000 युवाओं का exposure visit कार्यक्रम

Rajiv Gandhi National Youth Exchange Programme के तहत चयनित 5000 युवाओं को उत्तर भारत, मध्य भारत एव उत्तर पश्चिमी भारत में ए.सी. बस द्वारा exposure visit कार्यक्रम हेतु दक्ष, प्रतिष्ठित व अनुभवी टूरिस्ट मैनेजमेंट कम्पनियों/फर्म/संस्थाओं से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई–निविदा सूचना संख्या 09/2023–24 दिनांक 30.09.2023 से 10.10.2023 को दोपहर 2.00 बजे तक आंमत्रित की जाती है। निविदा से संबंधित पूर्ण विवरण राजस्थान युवा बोर्ड की वेबसाइट www.youthboard.rajasthan.gov.in एवं लोक उपापन पार्टल http://sppp.raj.nic.in व eprocurement portal http://eproc.raj.nic.in पर देखा जा सकता है।

राज.संवाद/सी/23/10838 सदस्य सचिव

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (P&C), IDCO, IDCO TOWERS, JANPATH, BHUBANESWAR-751022
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER UNDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT

1. Name of the Work : Improvement of Sahapada Chowk to SMC Power Generation Plant (Phase-II) Road from Ch.0/000 km to 1/631 km in the district of Jharsuguda for the year 2023-24.
2. Estimated Cost : Rs.585.49 lakh (Approx.)
3. Period of Completion : 04 (Four) Calendar months.
4. Other details :

Procurement Officer	Bid ID/Tender reference No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
1	2	3	4
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, IDCO Towers, Bhubaneswar.	Bid ID /Tender Reference No. P&C/EST/E-127/2023-24	11.10.2023 at 17.00 Hrs.	26.10.2023 up to 17.00 Hrs.

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal, www.tendersodisha.gov.in and Corrigendum if any will not be published in newspapers and can only be seen in the e-Procurement portal www.tendersodisha.gov.in and www.idco.in.
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Sd/- Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar
OIPR-14003/11/0230/2324

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OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA
NIRMAN SOUDHA, UNIT-V, BHUBANESWAR
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)

File No. No- B-IV-H (H&D)-11/21 Lr. No.-40626 Bhubaneswar, the 26th Sept., 2023

Invitation For Bids
Bid Identification No. C.E. (B) - 28 / 2023-24

1. The Chief Engineer, Buildings, Odisha, Bhubaneswar, on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE only, for the work, **"Establishment of State Public Health Laboratory (Apex Laboratory) in the premises of Capital Hospital, Bhubaneswar" amounting to Rs.19,23,20,874/- (Approximate)** as detailed below.

2.	Nature of work	:	Building Work
3.	No. of work	:	1 No.
4.	Bid Cost	:	₹.10,000/- (each)
5.	Class of Contractor	:	'A' / Special Class
6.	Availability of Bid Documents in the website	:	From dt.06.10.2023 to 17:00 Hours of dt.25.10.2023.
7.	Date of Opening of Bid	:	Dt. 26.10.2023 at 11:30 AM
8.	The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: https://tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.		

B-1014: Sd/- Chief Engineer, Buildings, Odisha, Bhubaneswar
OIPR-34117/11/0069/2324

Notice Inviting E-Tender - original

MD-cum-CEO, Dharamshala Smart City Limited invite online tender from the eligible bidder for the following work:

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost of Work	Earnest Money Deposit	Cost of Tender Document	Whether Tender Document Fee and EMD exemption permitted to MSME's	Date of Issue of tender Documents online	Last date of sending pre bid queries	Last date of online submission of Bids	Date of opening of Pre-Qualification & Technical Bid
1.	"Development of Shopping Complex and Recreational Centre at Charan, Dharmshala".	₹ 8,98,73,827/-	₹ 18,00,000/-	₹ 10,000/-	Yes	06.10.2023 at 05:00 PM	13.10.2023 till 05.00 PM	24.10.2023 till 05.00 PM	25.10.2023 at 03.00 PM

Note:
1. All the tender documents can be downloaded from the website: www.hptenders.gov.in.
2. All Addendums/Corrigendum's will only be published in the above website.
3. For any queries please contact us at dscltender@gmail.com or phone no. 01892-226677 / 226075.

Managing Director-cum-CEO
Dharamshala Smart City Ltd.

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निर्माण एवं अनुरक्षण ग्रुप / CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP
तिरुवनंतपुरम / THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 22. (फोन नं./ Ph. No. 0471 – 2564568 / 5669 / 4537)

ई-निविदा की अवधि बढ़ाना / EXTENSION OF E-TENDER

1. वीआरसी, वीएसएससी, तुंबा में क्वॅडीएसी के लिए इलेक्ट्रॉनिक घटक के सत्रिरीक्षण हेतु भवन का निर्माण (सिविल तथा पीएच कार्य) / Construction of Building for Screening of Electronic Components for QDAC at VRC, VSSC, Thumba (Civil & PH works)
NIT No. VSSC/CMG/C01/15/2023-24 Dt. 31.08.2023

डाउनलोड करने की अवधि/Period for downloading	दिनांक 12.10.2023 को 23:00 बजे तक बढ़ाए गए/Extended upto 23:00 hrs. on 12.10.2023
निविदाओं की प्राप्ति / Receipt of tenders	दिनांक 16.10.2023 को 23:00 बजे तक बढ़ाए गए/Extended upto 23:00 hrs. on 16.10.2023

योग्यता मानदंड तथा अन्य ब्यौरों को पाने के लिए इच्छुक निविदाकार ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करते हुए विस्तृत सूचना (ई-एनआइटी) का अवलोकन करें, जिसे www.tenderwizard.in/ISRO से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (E-NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from website www.tenderwizard.in/ISRO.

Sd/- ग्रुप निदेशक, सीएमजी, वीएसएससी / Group Director, CMG, VSSC

भारत सरकार - अंतरिक्ष विभाग / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA - DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
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श्रीहरिकोटा / नेल्लूर (जिला), आं.प्र./ SRIHARIKOTA - 524124

संक्षिप्त ई–निविदा सूचना / Brief E-TENDER NOTICE

ई–निविदा सूचना सं./e-Tender Notice No.CMG/CON/ 238736 तिथि/ Date. 29.09.2023

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से **"एसडीएससी शार में ठोस नोदक ज्वलन दर मूल्यांकन के लिए अल्ट्रासोनिक ज्वलन दर (यूबीआर) परीक्षण सुविधा (सिविल एवं पीएच कार्यों)" (₹ 734 लाख)**; के लिए ई–निविदा के माध्यम से मद दर निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा दस्तावेज **19.10.2023** को **14:30** बजे तक डाउनलोड किए जा सकते हैं। विस्तृत सूचना हेतु इच्छुक निविदाकार हमारी वेबसाइट **www.isro.gov.in** या **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** पर जाएं।

On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for **"Ultrasonic Burn rate (UBR) Test Facility for Solid Propellant Burn rate Evaluation at SDSC SHAR (Civil & PH works)" (₹ 734 Lakhs)**; Tender documents can be downloaded up to **19.10.2023**, **14:30** hrs. Interested tenderers may visit **www.isro.gov.in** or **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** for details.

हस्ताक्षरित- समूह प्रधान, सीएमजी / एसडीएससी शार / Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG / SDSC SHAR

राजस्थान स्टेट ओपन स्कूल, जयपुर
(राज्य सरकार का स्वयंपाठी शिक्षार्थियों का बोर्ड)
एकलव्य भवन
डॉ. एस. राधाकृष्णन्, शिक्षा संकुल परिसर, जे.एल.एन. मार्ग, जयपुर फोनः–0141–2717096, फैक्स :–0141–2705067
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क्रमांकः– 04 /ई. पीसीपी/2023–24/3203 दिनांक 26.09.2023

ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या - 04 वर्ष 2023-24

राजस्थान स्टेट ओपन स्कूल,जयपुर दसवीं और बारहवीं कक्षा के उम्मीदवारों के लिए ऑनलाइन व्यक्तिगत संपर्क कार्यक्रम (ई. पीसीपी प्रदान करने के लिए राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर प्रतिष्ठित शिक्षा समूह के पात्रता मानदंड हेतु ई–निविदा प्रपत्र को ऑनलाईन ई–टेण्डरिंग प्रक्रिया के माध्यम से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है।

निविदा की अनुमानित लागत :	लगभग 190 लाख रूपये
ऑनलाईन निविदा फार्म डाउनलोड करने की दिनांक	26.09.2023 से 16.10.2023 तक http://www.educationsector.rajasthan.gov.in http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in
ऑनलाईन निविदा फार्म अपलोड करने की दिनांक	26.09.2023 से 16.10.2023 तक समयः–दोपहर 12:00 बजे तक
बोली प्रतिभूति घोषणा पत्र, टैण्डर, फीस का डी.डी., निदेशक, राजस्थान स्टेट ओपन स्कूल, जयपुर के पक्ष में एवं प्रक्रिया शुल्क का डी.डी. मैनेजिंग डॉयरेक्टर आर.आई.एस.एल, जयपुर के पक्ष में राजस्थान स्टेट ओपन स्कूल, जयपुर कार्यालय में प्रस्तुत करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय।	16.10.2023 को समयः–दोपहर 1.00 बजे तक
ऑनलाईन तकनीकी निविदा खोलने की दिनांक वसमय	16.10.2023 को सायः 3.30 बजे

यह निविदाएं टू बिड (QCBS) पद्धति से आमंत्रित की जाकर निदेशक, राजस्थान स्टेट ओपन स्कूल, के कार्यालय में उपरोक्तानुसार निर्धारित तिथि को खोली जावेगी। निविदा से संबंधित विस्तृत विवरण एवं शर्तें वैबसाईट **http//www.educationsector.rajasthan.gov.in** तथा **http://www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** पर देखी जा सकती हैं एवं **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** से अपलोड किये व देखे जा सकते है। Bidders who wish to participate in online tenders should have legally valid Digital Signature Certificate as per Information Technology Act 2000 procured through any of the licence certifying Authority of India using which they can sign their electronic bids.

राज.संवाद/सी/23/10816 सचिव

INBRIEF

Trinamool stages protest outside Raj Bhavan in Bengal

Trinamool Congress general secretary Abhishek Banerjee on Thursday announced that he will continue to demonstrate outside the Raj Bhavan till Governor C.V. Ananda Bose gives the party delegation an audience. Earlier in the day, Mr. Banerjee led a rally of thousands of party supporters including MPs, MLAs and Ministers of the State government to the Raj Bhavan, even as the Governor was not at Raj Bhavan. Mr. Bose left for north Bengal early in the morning to visit areas affected by the floods in the Teesta. "We will continue our peaceful agitation here. I will stay here and will not budge even an inch till the Hon'ble Governor meets our delegation and answers these two questions," Mr. Banerjee said.

BJP MP says he is in favour of caste census in Uttar Pradesh

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Lok Sabha member from Farrukhabad Mukesh Rajput on Thursday said that he is personally in favour of a caste census, adding that if cows and lions could be counted, why not people based on their caste. "I personally believe it [caste census] should be done; as is we are counting the number of cows, buffalo, goat and lions," said Mr. Rajput. Earlier, Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Other Backward Classes (OBC) leader Keshav Prasad Maurya said on Wednesday that he is personally not against caste census. Apart from the BJP, all major political parties have supported the demand for a caste Census in Uttar Pradesh.

Artist Chintan Upadhyay found guilty in murder case

Eight years after the murder of artist Hema Upadhyay and lawyer Harish Bhambhani, a Mumbai court found artist Chintan Upadhyay guilty on charges of conspiracy and abetting the killings. He was arrested on December 28, 2015, and sent to judicial custody in January 2016. He has been charged with the murder of the duo, along with charges for causing disappearance of evidence of offence, and giving false information to screen or protect an offender. On Thursday, Additional Sessions Judge S.Y. Bhosale convicted Upadhyay, Pradip Rajbhar, Vijay Rajbhar, Azad Rajbhar and Shivkumar Rajbhar.

I&B Ministry notifies changes in cable TV regulations

The Union Information and Broadcasting Ministry on Thursday notified amendments in the Cable Television Networks Rules, thereby providing an operational mechanism for the implementation of decriminalised provisions of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act. It had earlier issued a notification fixing October 3 as the date from which provisions of the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act and entries in the schedule thereto with respect to the Act would come into force. The amendments are expected to encourage compliance with the Act without the government resorting to harsh punishments.

India expanding censorship regime, creating uneven playing field: study

The Freedom House report says that India resorting to AI-enabled digital repression; it finds that the environment for human rights online has deteriorated in 29 countries; the report covers developments between June 2022 and May 2023

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

According to a new report by Freedom House, a Washington-based non-profit organisation, global Internet freedom has declined for the 13th consecutive year. The environment for human rights online has deteriorated in 29 countries, with only 20 countries registering net gains. The report, titled "Freedom on the Net 2023: The Repressive Power of Artificial Intelligence", has raised a red flag on the increasing use of artificial intelligence by governments for censorship and spread of disinformation.

The report, the 13th edition of an annual study of human rights online, covers developments between June 2022 and May 2023. It evaluates Internet freedom in 70 countries.

As per the report, the sharpest rise in digital repression was witnessed in Iran, where authorities shut down Internet service, blocked WhatsApp and Instagram, and increased surveillance in a bid to quell anti-government protests. China, for the ninth straight year, was ranked as the world's worst environment for Internet freedom, with Myanmar the world's second most repressive for online freedom.

People faced legal repercussions for expressing themselves online in a record 55 countries this year, and the number of countries where authorities carry out widespread arrests and impose multi-year prison terms for online activity has risen sharply over the past decade, from 18 in 2014 to 31 in 2023.

The report also detailed how elections were a trigger for digital repression. Ahead of election periods, "many incumbent leaders criminalised broad categories of speech, blocked access to independent news sites, and imposed other controls over the flow of information to sway balloting in their favour," the report noted.

Digital repression

Detailing AI-enabled digital repression in India, the report said, "Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) have incorporated censorship, including the use of automated systems, into the country's legal framework. The Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules require large social media platforms to use AI-based moderation tools for broadly defined types of content – such as speech that could undermine public order, decency, morality, or the country's sovereignty, integrity, and security, or content that officials had previously ordered removed."

Citing the government's order to YouTube and Twitter (now X) "to restrict access within India to a BBC documentary about communal violence during Mr. Modi's tenure as Chief Minister of the State of Gujarat," the report stated, "Because the government ordered the restriction of the documentary, the IT Rules require the two platforms to use automated scanning tools to sweep up any additional posts that share the film." Warning of adverse repercussions for Indian democracy, the report noted, "As the country prepares for general elections in 2024, the government's expanding censorship regime is creating an uneven playing field by silencing criticism of and independent reporting on the ruling party."

The report evaluates countries on five censorship methods – Internet connectivity restrictions, blocks on social media platforms, blocks on websites, blocks on VPNs, and forced removal of content – and India engaged in all of them except one (VPN blocking).

India also figured among the list of countries that "blocked websites hosting political, social, or religious content", deliberately disrupted ICT networks, used pro-government commentators to manipulate online discussions, and conducted "technical attacks against government critics or human rights organisations".

On a range of 1 to 100, where '100' represented highest digital freedom, India scored 50, while Iceland, with 94, has the best Internet freedom.

Internet freedom

The table lists scores on Internet freedom for select countries according to Freedom House's "Freedom on the Net" report. Rankings are on a scale of 100 to 0 with 100 being most free

Country	Status	Total score
Iceland	Free	94
U.K.	Free	79
Germany	Free	77
U.S	Free	76
Brazil	Partly free	64
Sri Lanka	Partly free	52
India	**Partly free**	**50**
Pakistan	Not free	26

■ Conditions for human rights online deteriorated in 29 countries while 20 countries saw gains

Army says officer injured in 'grenade accident'

The Hindu Bureau
JAMMU

The Army on Thursday evening said one officer has been injured in a likely "grenade accident" at a post in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri sector.

"The officer was evacuated and stable post initial treatment. Further investigation is under way," the Army said in an official statement.

Earlier, official sources said an at least three Army officers were injured in Rajouri district of the Pir Panjal Valley. A Major-level officer involved in the incident was "overpowered and arrested", the sources added.

Responding to the incident inside a camp in Thanamandi, an Army spokesman had said, "No terrorist attack has occurred. It is an unfortunate internal incident of the camp."

Official sources had said a Major took his seniors hostage and later opened fire at them in a camp located close to the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri. Sources had said loud explosions were heard. Initial reports suggested three officers were injured in the incident.

CBI books officials, others over actor Vishal's graft allegations against CBFC

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) conducted searches after registering a corruption case against three private persons and unknown officials of Mumbai-based Central Board of Film Certification.

The development comes days after Tamil actor and producer Vishal had alleged that in Mumbai he paid about ₹6.5 lakh for the screening and certification of the Hindi version of his film *Mark Antony*.

Those named as accused in the first information report (FIR) are Merlin Menaga, Jeeja Ramdas, and Rajan M.

According to the CBI, in September, one of the accused persons conspired with the others to get ₹7 lakh in bribe for arranging a censor certificate from the CBFC for a movie dubbed in Hindi.

Actor Vishal

"... in furtherance of the said conspiracy, she initially demanded a bribe on behalf of the CBFC Mumbai officials" from the complainant and following negotiations accepted ₹6.54 lakh through the bank accounts of two other accused.

Thereafter, on September 26, the required certificate was allegedly issued by the CBFC. "It was also alleged that in addition to the said amount, the accused obtained ₹20,000 in her bank account from the account of a private company as coordinating fees for herself. An amount of ₹6.5 lakh was allegedly withdrawn immediately in cash," said the agency on Thursday.

On Wednesday, taking cognisance of the allegation, CBFC Chairman Prasoon Joshi had said that the processes would be further strengthened at the organisational level to eliminate any third-party interference.

Mr. Joshi clarified that the persons mentioned by the complainant were not CBFC officials, but "unauthorised third-party intermediaries".

The CBFC chief said an aggressive digitisation process, automation, and minimal manual intervention was already in place, but now more measures would be taken. To start with, every document would have to be uploaded at the time of online application only.

IIT-B Dean says 'veg. table' policy made by student body, calls stir insensitive

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

As voices against the policy of a hostel canteen of the Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay (IIT-B) segregating certain tables for vegetarian food begin to grow louder on the campus, the Dean of Student Affairs on Thursday sent an email to all students and staff on the issue.

In the email, Dean Suryanarayana Doolla said that while the IIT-B, "unlike other institutions", does not and will not have any separate vegetarian mess space, the segregation policy formulated for the mess of Hostels 12, 13, and 14 was decided upon by the Mess Council, an elected student body which "represents the students at large". This is why the wardens have been asked to look into ways to resolve the conflict, he said, further blaming the students who protested against the policy for starting the controversy on campus. He said such "provocative and insensitive" actions will not be tolerated.

A student group alleges that the Office of Dean is spreading misinformation about protest.

The Ambedkar Periyar Phule Study Circle (APPSC), a student body on campus, registered a strong protest against the Dean's email in a public statement issued on Thursday night, and alleged that the office of the Dean was "spreading misinformation" about the protest and the events that led to the ongoing controversy.

This comes even as some students and faculty have started signing a petition online, asking the Dean of Student Affairs to revoke the segregation policy and the ₹10,000 fine imposed on one of the students who led the protest against the said policy of the Mess Council.

The Dean said that the students had continued with their protest despite being asked by the faculty not to proceed with it and wait for a formal meeting. He called the protest an act that "disrupted harmony" on campus and "led to the conflict". "In addition, there were reports of some students deliberately spilling non-veg food to cause discomfort to fellow students. Such provocative and insensitive actions are not acceptable," he said.

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(set by Incognito)

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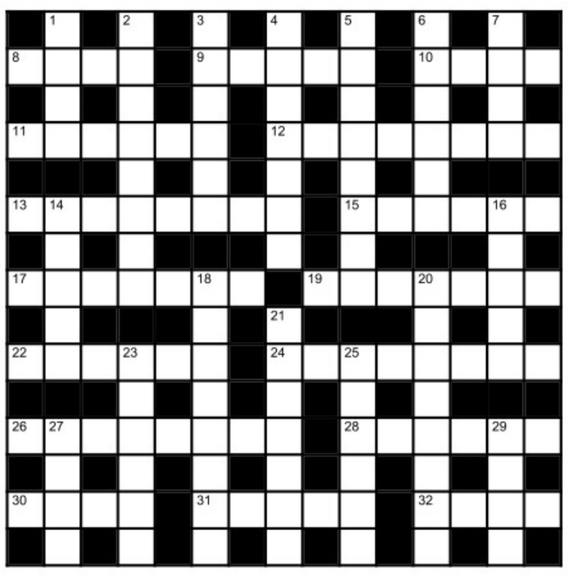
SCAN TO PLAY



Across

8 Girl arranges sum to get adhesives (4)
9 Feel thus when initially ordered rest in the sack (5)
10 Not identified in a short time (4)
11 Seem waste paper is crumpled after discarding stew (6)
12 Drug dealers hiding many items at first in personal boxes containing some organs (8)
13 Wrongly dials Ram to get naval officers (8)
15 Cider processed after adding a bit of yeast produces frozen CO_2 (3,3)
17 Satisfying cast includes 49 Romans (7)
19 Funny American swamped by letters from a Chinese dynasty (7)
22 Look! Greek leader has a javelin! (6)
24 Lets cash distribution in bags (8)
26 For example, sterilizing violent canine having large glands in the front (8)
28 Stay on sea (6)
30 Inflict knife wounds on bats flying back (4)
31 J&K town's dance music (5)
32 Payment for occupying right ward (4)

Down

1 Mix mud with a little paint and discard (4)
2 Ale and spice concoction is particularly exceptional (8)
3 One bear walks around island in European peninsula (6)
4 Rambling person without issue is in church? Correct! (7)
5 Include last part of sum in appendix (8)
6 In large town, a vole initially makes hole (6)
7 Decay around egg found in part of plant (4)
14 Standard procedure for dentist's equipment (5)
16 Tin and aluminium channel for water (5)
18 Most poor English pass away in home, perhaps (8)
20 Cheers wildly about male student starting to produce plotters (8)
21 Is my Goa extraordinary in this type of reproduction? (7)
23 Carelessly, errand boy loses rod within short distance (6)
25 Sailor Brown's cloth (6)
27 Note missed from wind instrument and string instrument (4)
29 Taverns in North and South (4)

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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7	9	1	3	6	8	5	2	4
9	2	3	6	1	7	8	4	5
4	5	6	8	3	9	2	1	7
1	8	7	2	4	5	3	9	6

FAITH

Chant Sri Stuti, reap reward

We are simple creatures, driven by desire. Untold wealth, good health and divine blessings are all that we want. Ascetics and acharyas (gurus), on the other hand, seek only divine grace and are constantly in a state of communion with God. Such is their power that whatever the acharyas seek, God grants them forthwith. One example is Swami Vedanta Desikan and his hymn, Sri Stuti.

Vedanta Desikan, who was born in Thoopul near Kancheepuram in the Tamil month of Purattasi, was a poet, philosopher, and an ardent devotee. He rendered over 100 works on various subjects, including devotional pieces, and commentaries. Sri Stuti is one such, rendered in praise of Goddess Perundevi, following a plea from a brahmachari to Desikan for monetary help in order to get married. The following hymn is very powerful: *Yogarambha tvarita manaso yusmadaikantya yuktam, dharmam praptum prathamamiha ye dharayante dhanayam, tesam bhumer dhanapati grhad ambaradambudherva, dhara niryantyadhikam adhikam vanchitanam vasunam.* The verse reiterates that whoever prays to Sri (Goddess Mahalakshmi) before embarking on a new venture, will receive Her blessings; the earth, sea, sky, and Kuberan's house will all align together and shower wealth upon the devotee, said Thirukkudandhai Dr. Venkatesh in a discourse.

PARIS

Musk's X strips headlines from news articles shared by users

REUTERS

Elon Musk's social media platform X has stripped headlines from news articles shared by users, in a move likely to further worsen relations with media groups. The tycoon has long railed against the "legacy media" and claims X, formerly Twitter, is a better source of information. AFP

LONDON

British Sikh jailed for assassination attempt on Queen Elizabeth II

AP

A U.K. court on Thursday sentenced Jaswant Singh Chail, a 21-year-old British Sikh man, to nine years imprisonment after he pleaded guilty to the country's first case of treason in over 40 years, having scaled the walls of Windsor Castle on Christmas Day 2021 armed with a loaded crossbow to kill Queen Elizabeth II. PTI

MOSCOW

Russia to build naval base in breakaway Georgian region

AP

Russia will set up a naval base on the Black Sea coast of a separatist region in Georgia, Abkhazia's separatist leader Aslan Bzhania (left, in the photo) said in an interview on Thursday, after Ukrainian attacks on Russian warships. He said the aim of the deal was to "increase the defence capability both of Russia and Abkhazia". AFP

TULKAREM

Israeli forces kill two Palestinian militants in occupied West Bank

REUTERS

Israeli forces killed two Palestinian militants in the occupied West Bank on Thursday, the Palestinian Health Ministry said. The Israeli Army also said five Israeli police officers were wounded by an explosive device in a separate clash, which was confirmed by Hamas militants, in the same region of the northern West Bank. AFP

Russian missile strike kills 51 in Ukraine: Zelenskyy

The village of Hroza in Kharkiv was struck by an Iskander missile; the attack came as Zelenskyy attended a summit of about 50 European leaders in Spain to drum up support from allies

Associated Press
KYIV

A Russian rocket struck a village cafe and store in eastern Ukraine on Thursday and killed at least 51 civilians in one of the deadliest attacks in months, according to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and other top officials in Kyiv.

The attack came as Mr. Zelenskyy attended a summit of about 50 European leaders in Spain to drum up support from Ukraine's allies. He denounced the attack in the village of Hroza as a "demonstrably brutal Russian crime" and "a completely deliberate act of terrorism".

Civilian casualties: The bodies of victims of the Russian rocket attack in the village of Hroza, near Kharkiv on Thursday. REUTERS

Presidential chief of staff Andrii Yermak and Kharkiv Gov. Oleh Syniehubov said a 6-year-old boy was among the dead, adding that seven other people were wounded. Hroza, which had a population of about 500 before the war, is located in the northeastern Kharkiv region.

About 60 people were in the cafe were attending a wake after a funeral, said Internal Affairs Minister Ihor Klymenko, speaking on national TV.

According to preliminary information from Kyiv, the village was struck by an Iskander missile. Emergency crews were searching the rubble of damaged buildings.

Ukrainian prosecutors released pictures showing bloodied bodies and emergency workers combing through the building's smouldering debris.

Hroza and other parts of the eastern Kharkiv region were seized by Russia early in the war and recaptured by Ukraine in September 2022. The village is located only 30 km west of Kupiansk. Mr. Zelenskyy had visited the area on Tuesday to meet with troops and inspect equipment supplied by the West.

On Thursday, Mr. Zelenskyy was at a summit of the European Political Community in Granada, Spain, where he asked for more Western support, saying that "Russian terror must be stopped".

"Russia needs this and similar terrorist attacks for only one thing: to make its genocidal aggression the new norm for the whole world," he said in a statement posted on his Telegram channel.

"Now we are talking with European leaders, in particular, about strengthening our air defence, strengthening our soldiers, giving our country protection from terror. And we will respond to the terrorists."

"The key for us, especially before winter, is to strengthen air defence, and there is already a basis for new agreements with partners," he told the group.

'Chinese firm sold satellites to Russia's Wagner'

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Russian mercenary group Wagner in 2022 signed a contract with a Chinese firm Beijing Yunze Technology Co Ltd to acquire two satellites belonging to the Chinese space giant Chang Guang Satellite Technology (CGST) and use their images, aiding its intelligence work as the organisation sought to push Russia's invasion of Ukraine, according to a document.

The over $30 million contract was signed in November 2022, over half a year into Moscow's invasion of Ukraine in which the Wagner group under its founder Yevgeny Prigozhin was playing a key role on the battlefield.

At least 100 killed in attack on Syrian military academy

Agence France-Presse
BEIRUT

An attack on Thursday on a Syrian military academy killed more than 100 people, a war monitor said, with state media blaming "terrorist organisations" for the drone strike in government-held Homs.

Separately, Turkish air raids in the war-torn country's Kurdish-held northeast killed at least nine people, according to Kurdish forces, after Ankara had threatened raids in retaliation for a bomb attack.

In the central Syrian city of Homs, "armed terrorist organisations" targeted "the graduation ceremony for officers of the military academy", an Army statement carried by official news agency *SANA* said, reporting casualties.

Injured individuals from the drone attack targeting a Syrian military academy receiving medical treatment in Homs. AFP

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based monitor with a vast network of sources on the ground, reported "more than 100 dead, around half of them military graduates, and including 14 civilians", revising up a previous toll. It said at least 125 others were wounded.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

The attack was carried out with "explosive-laden drones", according to the military statement, vowing to "respond with full force".

The government declared three days of mourning starting on Friday, state television reported.

Pak. defends drive against immigrants

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

It set November 1 as the deadline for undocumented immigrants to leave the country

A day after the ruling Taliban in Afghanistan slammed Pakistan's decision to expel its undocumented nationals and termed it "unacceptable", Islamabad on Thursday clarified that its ongoing operation against illegal immigrants was not targeted against people of any particular nationality.

On Tuesday, Pakistan's caretaker government set November 1 as the deadline for thousands of undocumented immigrants, including Afghan nationals, to leave the country or risk imprisonment and deportation as it intensified its crackdown against those involved in militancy and smuggling.

Pakistan interim Interior Minister Sarfaraz Bugti on Tuesday said that there are currently 1.73 million unregistered illegal Afghans living in the country.

So far more than 700 Afghans have been arrested since early September in Karachi alone and hundreds more in other cities.

Bangladesh gets its first batch of uranium

Agence France-Presse
ROOPPUR

Bangladesh received the first uranium delivery on Thursday for its Russian-backed nuclear plant, a project aimed at bolstering its overstretched energy grid but complicated by sanctions on Moscow.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has courted Russian ties with renewed vigour after Western criticism over her government's rights record.

Moscow is bankrolling the $12.65-billion plant with a loan for 90% of its cost, with hopes it will alleviate the chronic blackouts plaguing the South Asian nation.

"Bangladesh is our long-term friend and partner," Russian President Vladimir Putin said during a video-conference with Ms. Hasina to mark the handover.

Mr. Putin also pledged assistance for uranium supply, maintenance and management of spent fuel.

Construction on the nuclear plant at Rooppur, a village on the banks of the Ganges river 175 km west of the capital Dhaka, began in 2017. The first of its twin 1,200-megawatt units is slated to begin operations next year and both reactors should be fully online in 2025.

Nobel laureate Yunus appears before graft watchdog over multiple charges

Agence France-Presse
DHAKA

Nobel peace laureate Muhammad Yunus appeared before Bangladesh's anti-graft watchdog on Thursday over corruption charges that his lawyers said were part of a campaign of government harassment.

Mr. Yunus, 83, is credited with lifting millions out of poverty with his pioneering micro-credit bank, but he has fallen out with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who has accused him of "sucking blood" from the poor. He is facing around 175 separate criminal and labour tribunal cases related to social business firms he set up in Bangladesh aimed at creating jobs and bringing services to the poor.

"I have not committed any offence," Mr. Yunus told presspersons after leaving the Anti-Corruption Commission in the capital Dhaka.

Defence lawyer Abdullah al Mamun said that Mr. Yunus had to cut short his trip to United Nations headquarters in New York to attend the hearing. Khaja Tanvir Ahmed, another lawyer for Yunus, said he was interrogated for more than an hour in the office.

Muhammad Yunus

"These cases are all part of the continuous harassment against Nobel laureate Professor Muhammad Yunus," he added.

Mr. Yunus and seven officials of Grameen Telecom, a social business firm he founded, are accused of money laundering and embezzling 250 million taka ($2.3 million), according to charges filed by the commission in May.

He faces up to 12 years in jail if convicted.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, N R Square, Annexe Building - 3, Bengaluru

No: DCF/PR-1047/2023-24 **Date: 04.10.2023**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the Citizens of Bengaluru that the Deputy Chief Engineer /IV/CN/BNC, South Western Railways, Bengaluru, has submitted an application to the undersigned for removal of trees standing at Channasandra Railway Station Yard Premises, Channasandra, Bengaluru for Remodelling of Channasandra Railway Station Yard. The details are given below.

Name of the project	**Remodelling of Channasandra Railway Station Yard**			
Name of the Agency	South Western Railway, Bengaluru			
Purpose for removal of trees	The Trees are standing inside the Channasandra Railway Station Yard, Bengaluru which are coming within the project area fro Construction of New Loop Lines, Stabling Lines, New Platforms and New Station Building.			
Description of the area with clear demarcation of boundaries or with GPS readings	**Boundary**	**Latitude (N)**	**Longitude (E)**	**Location**
	1	13.012086	77.663474	Channasandra Railway Station Yard, Channasandra, Bengaluru
	2	13.012854	77.662949	
	3	13.004651	77.663602	
	4	13.004698	77.663931	
Enumeration of trees • Total Number of trees standing in the project area	118 Nos (Annexure 1)	Description of Trees, Species, Location, Area, etc., are uploaded in the website of BBMP for information of all (www.bbmp.gov.in)		
• Total Number of trees proposed to be removed	118 Nos (Annexure 1)			
Mode of communication of comments *(Public can send their comments either by E-mail / Post / Hand)*	**Address:** The Deputy Conservator of Forests & Tree Officer, BBMP, N.R Square, Bengaluru-560002. **E-mail id for DCF: dcfbbmp12@gmail.com** for SWR **dyceivcnbc@gmail.com*** *Comments communicated directly to Dy CE, should also be marked to the Tree-Officer/DCF, BBMP			
Deadline for Filling Objections	Ten (10) days from the date of publication of this notification in the Newspaper ***Objections/Comments/Suggestions should be relevant and specific to the project**			

In view of the above, the suggestions/objections/comments are invited from citizens under Section 8 (3) (vii) of the Karnataka Preservation of Tree Act, 1976.

Sd/- Tree Officer,
Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that my client proposes to purchase the below mentioned Schedule property from **Sri. NAGENDRA B. T.**, Aged about 36 Years, Son of Sri. Thammaiah, Residing at No.410, 11th Block, Banashankari 6th Stage, Srinivasapura, Bengaluru - 560 060, **AADHAAR No.8223 4195 8490,** who represent that he purchased the Schedule Property herein, from his vendor namely Mr. Mohammed Abuzar in terms of a Sale Deed dated 10/02/2022 registered as Document No.7294/2021-22 in Book-I and stored in C.D. No. CMPD976, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Basavanagudi (Chamarajapet), Bengaluru. Persons objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right in the Schedule Property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within Fifteen days from the date of publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no claimants / objections.

:SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

ALL that piece and parcel of the Residential Site bearing No.138, PID No.6000018126, in the Records of BDA, Bengaluru, situated at 10th Stage, BEML Layout formed by BEML Employees Co-Operative Society Ltd., formed in Sy.Nos. 22/4, 22/6, 22/7 (Re-Survey Nos.45 & 46) & 48 situated at Channasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru and site measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South (39+40)/2 Feet in all measuring 1185 Sq. Ft. together with a residential house consisting of Ground and Three Upper Floors and the property is bounded by:

East : Property bearing No.139;
West : Property bearing No.137;
North : Property bearing No.121; and
South : Road.

Sri. N. L. MAHESHWARA PRASAD,
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INBRIEF

Citroen unveils all new C3 Aircross SUV at ₹9.99 lakh

French carmaker Citroen has announced the unveiling of the all new C3 Aircross sport utility vehicle (SUV) at an introductory price of ₹9.99-11.99 lakh (ex-showroom New Delhi) for the five-seat variant. The French carmaker said that this segment also had a unique offering of the 5+2-seat flexi-pro variants at an additional cost of ₹35,000. Besides, the company has offered a 'Buy Now Pay in 2024' scheme for all deliveries till October 31.

Lupin gets tentative nod from U.S. FDA for Tolvaptan tablets

Drugmaker Lupin said it had received tentative approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for its abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) for Tolvaptan tablets 15 mg, 30 mg, 45 mg, 60 mg, and 90 mg. A generic equivalent of Otsuka Pharma's Jynarque tablets 15 mg, 30 mg, 45 mg, 60 mg, and 90 mg, the product is indicated to slow kidney function decline in adults at risk of rapidly progressing autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease.

Airfares set to surge as IndiGo announces fuel surcharge

Airfares are set to rise further with budget carrier IndiGo announcing that it will levy a fuel surcharge between ₹300 and ₹1,000 on domestic flights with effect from Thursday midnight. A Delhi- Mumbai flight will accrue a fuel surcharge of ₹550, while Delhi-Bengaluru, Delhi-Chennai flights will attract ₹650. "The decision follows the significant increase in ATF prices, which have surged in the last 3 months with consecutive price hikes every month," the airline said.

Services PMI signals September boost

New orders rise at the second-fastest rate since June 2010, S&P Global India Services Purchasing Managers' Index shows; cost pressures ease, helping lift sentiment on the year-ahead business outlook to a nine-year high and spurring new hiring

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's services sector activity gained momentum in September, with new orders rising at the second-fastest rate since June 2010, as per the S&P Global India Services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), which rose to 61 from 60.1 in August.

September's reading, while lower than July's 13-year high of 62.3, still indicated one of the strongest upticks in 13 years. With the input cost inflation slowing to one of the lowest levels since late 2010, services firms raised prices at the slowest pace in six months. Sentiment about year-ahead business prospects hit a nine-year high.

"Additional staff were recruited to aid firms' efforts to keep on top of current workloads and in anticipation of further growth in the coming months," S&P Global Market Intelligence said.

Growth in new international orders slowed to a three-month low, yet was one of the quickest since September 2014, the firm said, citing the PMI survey's findings. Participants cited growth in demand from clients in Asia, Europe and North America.

'More positive news'

"The latest PMI results brought more positive news... with September seeing business activity and new work intakes rising to one of the greatest extents in over 13 years," said Pollyanna De Lima, economics associate director at S&P Global Market Intelligence.

"Services charges rose at a softer rate as cost pressures receded to one of the lowest in two-and-a-half years. Although the latter indicates that near-term output price inflation may cool, worries about potential fluctuations in food prices due to El Nino means the RBI is highly unlikely to cut rates until early next year," she averred. Improved optimism and buoyant demand conditions augured well for further growth in the sector, Ms. De Lima added.

Buoyant services

The Purchasing Managers' Index shows services activity added momentum last month with the PMI rising to 61 from 60.1

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- With input costs cooling, services firms raised prices at the slowest pace in 6 months
- Growth in new international orders slowed to a three-month low

'Sept. food inflation may have eased on cheaper tomato, LPG'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Retail food inflation may have eased in September, thanks to a reduction in tomato and LPG cylinder prices, even as onion prices rose further during the month, a CRISIL study on food plate costs suggested.

Retail inflation had dropped to 6.83% in August from a 15-month high of 7.44% in July, but food price inflation stood at about 10%. Official consumer price trends for September will be released next week.

The cost of a vegetarian thali in September fell 1% year-on-year (Y-o-Y) and 17% from August levels, while tomato prices declined around 62% from ₹102 per kilogram (kg) in August to ₹39 per kg. The cost of a non-vegetarian thali declined at a slower pace of 9% from August due to a 2-3% estimated increase in the price of broiler, which accounts for more than 50% of the total thali cost, according to a monthly report from CRISIL Market Intelligence and Analytics. On a Y-o-Y basis, non-vegetarian thali costs were up 1%.

"Cost of fuel, which accounts for 14% and 8% of total cost of vegetarian and non-vegetarian thalis, respectively, declined about 18% in September as the cost of a 14.2kg LPG cylinder fell to ₹903 from ₹1,103," CRISIL said.

While onion prices rose about 12% between August and September, CRISIL analysts said a 31% decline in chili prices over the previous month offered some comfort.

'Indian IT firms set for 'washout' year, focus now on 2025'

Reuters
BENGALURU

J.P.Morgan analysts expect investors to parse upcoming second-quarter results and commentary from Indian IT companies for signs of recovery in deal signings in fiscal 2025 following a "washout" year.

"We remain negative on the sector as we haven't seen a meaningful uptick in demand in our recent checks," analysts Ankur Rudra and Bhavik Mehta said in a note on Wednesday. "We think the overall setup is not as positive as last quarter," they added.

All major IT firms, including Infosys, TCS , Wipro and HCL Tech, have previously warned that clients, the majority of which are U.S.-based, have been lowering their IT spending, delaying and even cancelling contracts, as economic growth slows and on fears of higher-for-longer interest rates.

"Investors have assumed FY24 is a washout and shifted focus to FY25, hoping for a rebound," the analysts said, adding this explained the Nifty IT index outperforming the blue-chip Nifty 50 over the past three months.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	65,632	0.62
US Dollar	83.25	-0.01
Gold	56,711	-1.37
Brent oil	84.16	-3.61

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2466.35	1.40
Adani Ports	825.20	0.60
Apollo Hosp	5047.05	-0.35
Asian Paints	3206.25	36.35
Axis Bank	1003.25	7.70
Bajaj Auto	5011.05	92.45
Bajaj Finserv	1542.55	10.00
Bajaj Finance	7850.90	-3.15
Bharti Airtel	928.85	4.60
BPCL	344.45	3.10
Britannia Ind	4533.90	1.40
Cipla	1161.10	-5.95
Coal India	289.35	1.40
Divis Lab	3697.20	-10.55
Dr Reddys Lab	5407.25	-10.55
Eicher Motors	3443.60	42.70
Grasim Ind	1890.15	-5.70
HCL Tech	1235.45	-4.10
HDFC Bank	1535.75	6.20
HDFC Life	624.35	-1.15
Hero MotoCorp	3016.65	27.60
Hindalco	470.55	-2.85
Hind Unilever	2519.55	11.70
ICICI Bank	940.85	10.80
IndusInd Bank	1401.85	0.55
Infosys	1463.45	19.10
ITC	436.05	-0.05
JSW Steel	755.50	-1.10
Kotak Bank	1734.25	12.20
L&T	3096.05	68.30
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5226.25	40.05
M&M	1537.95	15.85
Maruti Suzuki	10210.15	80.30
NestleIndia	22918.70	-67.50
NTPC	233.85	-1.30
ONGC	182.20	-0.55
PowerGrid Corp	196.60	-2.40
Reliance Ind	2314.10	-0.05
SBI Life	1274.45	3.90
State Bank	592.15	5.90
Sun Pharma	1119.10	-4.70
TataConsumerProduct	860.20	-4.55
Tata Motors	619.60	6.00
Tata Steel	125.25	-0.05
TCS	3589.35	51.60
Tech Mahindra	1205.60	0.60
Titan	3216.50	49.85
UltraTech Cement	8177.45	56.60
UPL	604.30	1.25
Wipro	406.80	1.90

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 05

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.05	83.37
Euro	87.29	87.62
British Pound	100.71	101.09
Japanese Yen (100)	55.80	56.02
Chinese Yuan	11.37	11.42
Swiss Franc	90.60	90.96
Singapore Dollar	60.55	60.79
Canadian Dollar	60.31	60.55
Malaysian Ringitt	17.57	17.64
Australian Dollar	52.66	52.87

Source:Indian Bank

IHG Hotels to manage two Raheja hotels in Mumbai

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

IHG Hotels & Resorts has signed hotel management agreements with K. Raheja Group's Saryu Properties & Hotels for two existing properties in Mumbai.

Currently in the redevelopment phase, Holiday Inn Express & Suites Mumbai Powai and Voco Mumbai Powai Hotel & Convention Centre are scheduled to open in Q4 2023-24 and Q2 2024-25, respectively.

Sudeep Jain, MD, South-West Asia, IHG Hotels said, "Mumbai offers a wealth of opportunities for the hospitality sector and we look forward to further strengthening our portfolio in the country."

Tata Motors to reskill 50% staff by 2027 to manufacture EVs

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Tata Motors said it is implementing a multi-pronged strategy to upskill its workforce to be ready to transition to the Electric Vehicle (EV) technology landscape.

The company has set an ambitious target of equipping more than 50% of its workforce with the latest automotive technology capabilities within 5 years.

Tata Motors said it has partnered with educational institutions, and developed training modules to address the developmental needs of all employees from shop-floor technicians to line engineers, and plant management. The company said more than 57,000 employees were at various stages of training.

These modules were delivering relevant technical, functional, as well as managerial and leadership capabilities to help employees migrate to the EV ecosystem. Mechanical engineers specialised in Internal Combustion Engines (ICE) were being trained in electronics and software.

InterGlobe Hotels opens 142-room hotel in Goa

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

InterGlobe Hotels in partnership with Accor has announced the opening of its newest hotel in Goa–the ibis Styles Goa Vagator which is the 23rd hotel under the ibis brand in India.

Located in North Goa, the new 142-room hotel offers a vibrant design, the company said.

"Anticipating a substantial influx of both domestic and international tourists this season, the hotel promises a distinctive and immersive experience tailored for business and leisure travelers alike," said JB Singh, President and chief executive officer, InterGlobe Hotels.

SEBI said to be set to tell SC: Adani probe began 2014, hit wall

Reuters

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) will tell India's top court why it paused, then restarted investigations into the Adani Group after a tip in 2014 amid questions around regulatory delays, according to two people with direct knowledge of the matter.

The regulator will say for the first time that India's customs authority alerted it to an alleged misuse of offshore funds by Adani Group companies in 2014 but that the initial investigation did not yield anything and was paused in 2017, the sources said.

SEBI restarted investigations into the group this year after U.S.-based short seller Hindenburg Research raised governance concerns – allegations the Adani Group has denied.

The Supreme Court is overseeing SEBI's probe.

SAT dismisses SEBI's order against Roys in insider trading case

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) on Thursday quashed a SEBI order that barred NDTV founders Prannoy Roy and Radhika Roy from the securities market for two years in an insider trading case.

In November 2020, SEBI prohibited the Roys from the securities market for two years and also directed them to disgorge illegal gains of more than ₹16.97 crore for indulging in insider trading.

SEBI stated that the Roys had sold their shares on April 17, 2008, when the trading window was closed and, therefore, violated NDTV's Code of Conduct and the provisions of insider trading rules.

While dismissing SEBI's order, SAT noted that information about the reorganisation of the company was not price-sensitive information, and Prannoy Roy and Radhika Roy are not insiders. Prannoy Roy and Radhika Roy had secured pre-trade clearance from the Compliance Officer of NDTV and, therefore, the trades were in conformity with insider trading rules, the tribunal said.

RAICHUR POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(A JOINT VENTURE COMPANY OF KPCL, BHEL)
CIN : U40101KA2009PLC049582

NO: KPCL/2023-24/PS/WORK_INDENT388/CALL-3 DATE: 26.09.2023

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal only)

Tenders are invited under "WORKS" category as per YTPS requirements in GoK e-procurement website **www.kppp. karnataka.gov.in** for **Supply, Erection, testing and commissioning of Natural Draft Cooling Tower for HVAC System.** Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **12.10.2023, 11.00 a.m.** Further details can be had from the Executive Engineer(M)-4, YTPS, RPCL, Yeramarus-584 134, Dist. Raichur, Tele/Fax: 08532-286003, Cell: +919480682552, **www.kpcl.karnataka.gov.in**

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement portal)

Tenders are invited through e-Procurement Portal (Website URL: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**) for (1) No.: KPCL/2023-24/PS/WORK_INDENT296/Call-2, dated 29.09.2023 for **"In-situ Repair/ Reconditioning of High Pressure valves in Unit-1, 2 (2x500MW) & Unit-3 (1x700 MW) BTPS".** (2) No.: KPCL/2023-24/EL/WORK INDENT731, dated 26.09.2023 for **"Dismantling, lowering, loading, unloading, raising and erecting works of heavy equipment like HT motors ILMS LT Motors (37KW and above) AFD DC motors and such heavy equipment".** Last date & time for submission of tenders: **for Sl. No. 1: 07.10.2023 at 17.00 hrs., for Sl. No. 2: 11.10.2023.** Further details can be had from the (1) Executive Engineer (TM), Mobile: 9448290592, (2) Executive Engineer (CHP)E-1, Mob: 09448290554, BTPS, KPCL, Kudithini-583152, Ballari District.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Kranataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

KPTCL invites bids for the following works pertaining to BMAZ North Circle, Bengaluru.

No.:SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-2/F-76(8)/23-24/5159-60 Date:03.10.2023

1) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(N)/ EE(O)/ AEE-2/22-23/EPR-28/CALL-8 Dt:02.09.2022 for "Repairs to faulty 31.5MVA, 66/11kV class, BBL make, Sl. No: 4934/20 Power Transformer failed at 66/11kV Banaswadi Sub-station, BMAZ North Circle, Bengaluru on total turnkey basis on Percentage tender basis".

No.:SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-3/F- 98(12)/23-24/5112-14 Date:03.10.2023

2) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(N)/ EE(O)/ AEE-3/23-24/EPR-01 Dt: 20.05.2023 for "Procurement of copper control cable for usage at various sub-stations coming under BMAZ(N) -Call-1.

No.:SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-3/F- 73(18) /22-23/5119-21 Date:03.10.2023

3) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(N)/ EE(O)/ AEE-3/22-23/EPR-47 Dtd:14.02.2023 for "Supply, Erection & Commissioning of 11 Nos of 66kV class circuit breakers required for usage at 220/66kV SRS Peenya R/s, Attur, Yelahanka & 66/11kV Vijayanagar S/s- Call-3".

No.:SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-3/F- 324(7) /22-23/5126 Date:03.10.2023

4) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/ AEE-3/22-23/EPR-35/Call-4 Dtd: 23.11.2022 for "Hiring One Tempo Traveller (14+1) seater along with driver for usage by TLM S/d SRS Peenya – Call-5".

No.:SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-3/F- 62(12) /22-23/5133 Date:03.10.2023

5) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/ BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/ AEE-3/23-24/EPR-01 Dtd:15.05.2023 for "Providing Security Guards (Ex-Servicemen) for watch and ward duties at 220/66kV Sahakarnagar GIS".

No.:SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-3/F- 76(9) /22-23/5164 Date:03.10.2023

6) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(N)/ EE(O)/ AEE-3/22-23/EPR-36/Call-5 Dt:16.12.2022 for "Repairs to faulty 150MVA 220/66kVCGL make power transformer failed at 220/66kV SRS Peenya R/s in TL&SS Division SRS Peenya-Call-6".

The detailed Notification regarding the subject tender can be got by logging on to KPTCL wesite **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **'e-procurement-kptcl'** or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 07.10.2023.** further details can be obtained from office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elec., Transmission (Maintenance), BMAZ North Circle, KPTCL, Office Complex, Ground Floor, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560 009.

KARNATAKA URBAN WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD
Ramakrishna Ashrama Road, Amarjyothi Nagar, TUMAKURU-572105. 0816-2200209

INVITING TENDER (Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Name of work: Arranging power supply to an extent of 1190 KVA to existing 24.57 MLD STP bearing RR no. TRHT-7 and 25 MLD SBR Technology STP constructed in Bheemasandra by providing new 11 KV Feeder from Melekote MUSS under 2nd Stage UGD Scheme to Tumakuru City.
Tender Indent No.KUWSDB/2023-24/EL/WORK_ INDENT57. Amount put to tender: Rs. 83.78 Lakhs.
Calendar of Events: 1) Date of issue of tender documents:03-10-2023 to 18-10-2023 up to 5.00PM. 2) Last date and Time for receipt of Tenders:18-10-2023 up to 5.30PM. Further details can be obtained by logging on to https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

SD/- Executive Engineer,
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No: HESCOM/SEE(PMC)/EE-P1/AEE-2/2023-24/CYS-3505
Date : 05-10-2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPPP Portal Only)

Superintending Engineer (Ele), Projects Monitoring Cell, Corporate Office, HESCOM, Hubballi invites the below said tenders on lumpsum and TTK Basis in HESCOM jurisdiction.

Sl.No.	Particulars	Bid Indent No
1	Construction of 11kV link lines from New/existing Substations in HESCOM jurisdiction.	HESCOM/2023-24/EL/WORK_INDENT5 to 13 (9 packages)

The detailed notification regarding the bid enquiry can be obtained by logging in to the website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **06.10.2023.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, (Ele), Project Monitoring Cell, HESCOM, Hubli
DIPR/DWD/KSMCA/338/2023-24

MEDAL CONFIRMED

Prannoy and Satwiksairaj-Chirag duo in semifinals; Sindhu ousted

H.S. Prannoy battled his way to the semifinals to become the first Indian in 41 years to win a badminton medal in men's singles at the Asian Games, but it was curtains for P.V. Sindhu on Thursday. Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty also progressed to the last four to ensure another medal for India.

MAKING THE GRADE

Indian men's kabaddi team beats Chinese Taipei, seals last-four spot

Seven-time champion India thrashed Chinese Taipei 50-27 in a Group A match to enter the semifinals of the men's kabaddi competition and assure itself a medal on Thursday. The victory took the unbeaten Indian team to the top of the points table, with Chinese Taipei in second spot.

THRILLING WIN

Chinese women ward off Japanese challenge to retain the crown

China's women's basketball team staved off a spirited fightback from Japan to retain their Asian Games title with a thrilling 74-72 win on Thursday, The Chinese men crashed out in the semifinals with a last-gasp defeat to the Philippines 24 hours earlier. In the battle for bronze, South Korea beat North Korea 93-63.

RECOGNITION

Tharushi gets pat from President and purse from Sri Lanka Cricket

Teenager Tharushi Karunarathna, Sri Lanka's only gold medallist so far at the Hangzhou Asian Games, received a congratulatory telephone call from the country's president and cash from the cricket board. President Ranil Wickremesinghe telephoned the runner to convey the nation's gratitude. SLC gifted her $31,000.

Dipika, Harinderpal add more golden lustre to India's campaign

The squash duo digs deep into its reserves to claim the mixed doubles gold in a tight contest against Malaysia's Aifa and Syafiq; Ghosal clinches a silver, his fifth consecutive singles medal in the continental showpiece since his debut in 2006

Mixed fortunes: Dipika and Harinderpal quelled the Malaysian challenge in straight games to take the top prize. *Right:* Ghosal could not sustain the momentum after winning the first game in the summit clash. PTI

ASIAN GAMES

Uthra Ganesan
HANGZHOU

Four bronze, one silver and four editions since her Asian Games debut in 2010 later, Dipika Pallikal finally finally had a gold to her name, teaming up with old friend Harinderpal Sandhu to claim the mixed doubles and India's second squash gold here, winning 11-10, 11-10 against Malaysia's Aifa Binti Azman and Mohd. Syafiq Kamal in 35 minutes.

The duo had to dig deep into its reserves and experience to survive crucial moments in both games as Harinderpal got his second gold here after the men's team final.

The first game was a roller-coaster with the lead switching hands every couple of points before the Indians saved two game balls to win, the second saw them dominate and race to a 9-3 lead before the Malaysians fought back, reeling seven straight points to go ahead 10-9. But the Indian pair hung tight, saved the game seven times as the point kept getting replayed before getting the final two to seal the win.

"To be honest, it's a complete blur. The only thing I remember, and Harry also I am sure, is the last point and how we won it. We will go back to the drawing board and see what went wrong at that time but for now, we will just enjoy ourselves," Dipika said about the second game.

Answering critics

The medal was also her response to many critics who questioned her fitness and suitability for a tough outing. "We sacrifice a lot of things but that doesn't mean we have to give up on our dreams. It is very important for women to feel empowered and to know that it's ok to take time off, have kids and come back to the sport.

"The guilt will always be there of leaving them but I know I am doing something worthwhile and that when they grown up, they will know their mother wasn't holidaying in Hangzhou but working to win a medal for the country and them," she insisted.

Harinderpal on his part quipped that it felt like being on court with a teacher when things weren't going smoothly.

"We started OK, then we lost the lead and I wasn't doing so well on court. I was like the kid in school who loses track and then the teacher comes – she's always there in the ear and put me back on track."

In men's singles, there was no fairytale finish for Saurav Ghosal. It was the one prize missing from his cabinet and despite his best efforts, Ghosal had to settle for his second silver and fifth consecutive singles medal, going down 11-9, 9-11, 5-11, 7-11 to Malaysia's Eain Yow Ng.

Proud

The most decorated Indian athlete in the sport with a medal in every edition he has participated in since his Asian Games debut in 2006 was proud of his performance.

"That's the one medal I really wanted and I put in everything. I don't know if I am going to have another shot but if this is the last one, I can be proud of the fact I gave it everything and I don't think I could have given more," he declared.

Super Six: Jyothi Surekha, Parneet, Aditi, Ojas, Prathamesh and Abhishek Verma strike a pose with their reward after the twin success on Thursday. PTI

Indian compound archery teams' domination complete

Aashin Prasad
HANGZHOU

With the scores tied at 200 each, Indian archers needed to hit three perfect 10s in a row to stay alive in the compound women's team final at the Fuyang Arena.

First, Parneet Kaur hit a 10 before Aditi Swami and Jyothi Surekha followed suit with 10s to put the pressure back on Chinese Taipei. Taipei slipped up with the first arrow which assured India's gold medal and it won 230-229.

Later, the trio of Abhishek Verma, Ojas Pravin Deotale and Prathamaesh Jawkar won the men's team gold by beating South Korea 235-230 in the final.

Treble beckons

The victory took India archery gold tally to three and with Abhishek, Ojas and Jyothi in the finals of the men's and women's individual events, the tally could go to five. Jyothi, who also won the mixed team final on Wednesday, is on course for treble.

"My golden girls," said a proud Sanjeeva Singh, India's high-performance director of archery.

It was not too long ago when India and the rest of the world feared South Korea and its ruthless archers.

"South Korea fear us in compound archery now," said Abhishek, who was part of the team which won India its first gold in archery at the Asian Games in 2010.

"When I started in 2004, there were just four compound archers in the country. Now there are over 10,000!" added Abhishek.

India is in the midst of a phenomenal run this year after its success in the World Cups and World Championships. In the World championships in Berlin, India won its maiden three gold medals at the level to finish top of the medals tally for the first time.

However, compound archery is still not part of the Olympic programme with an application being sent by World Archery for the archery form to be included in the Los Angeles 2028 programme.

"I hope it comes in 2028 in indoor form and we will be the first to win gold," proclaimed a confident Sanjeeva. "For any Olympic medal, you need to work eight years behind and I have been working for 20 years. And by the time, compound archery is introduced to the Olympics, we will be ready."

Antim adds bronze to her kitty, wrestling gets its second medal

Uthra Ganesan
HANGZHOU

Antim Panghal went into the Asian Games as one of India's biggest medal hopes, and she fulfilled the hype by winning bronze in the 53kg for the country's second medal in wrestling here on Thursday.

With Japan's girl-wonder Akari Fujinami in Antim's half of the draw and the two scheduled to face off in the quarterfinals, there was only an outside chance of a gold medal.

Antim won her opening bout against Jasmina Immaeva of Uzbekistan by technical superiority 11-0 before being pinned by Akari in the quarterfinals. Akari went on to win 10-0 over Qianyu Pang in the final. After a walkover in the first repechage round, Antim beat Bolortuya Bat-Ochir 3-1 to secure a medal.

In the 53kg, Pooja Gehlot lost to Japan's Remina Yoshimoto 10-0 in the semifinals before going down 9-2 to Uzbekistan's Aktenge Keunimjaeva in the bronze-medal bout. Mansi, in the 57kg, lost to Tsugumi Sakurai in the quarterfinal but was pinned by Laylokhon Sobirova of Uzbekistan for the bronze.

Narinder Cheema lost in the 97kg Greco-Roman quarterfinals to be out of the medal race and Naveen went down to Minseok Kim of South Korea 5-1 in the 130kg category.

Medals Table

Country	G	S	B	T
China	179	99	55	333
Japan	44	54	60	158
S. Korea	33	47	77	157
India	**21**	**32**	**33**	**86**
Uzbekistan	19	16	25	60
Chinese Taipei	15	15	23	53
N. Korea	10	16	9	35
Thailand	10	14	27	51
Bahrain	10	2	5	17
Iran	8	17	17	42

Long route to bronze: After a walkover in the first repechage round, Antim beat Bolortuya 3-1 to secure a medal. AFP

INDIANS IN ACTION

A look at some Indian players/teams who will compete on Friday (all times IST):
Archery: Recurve team (quarterfinals, semifinals and medal matches): Women (6.35 a.m.); Men (11.50 a.m.).
Badminton: Men (semifinals): Singles: Prannoy vs. Shifeng (Chn), 8.30 a.m ; Doubles: Satwiksairaj & Chirag vs. Chia & Soh (Mas), 4 p.m.
Bridge: Men's team final (sessions 4 to 6): vs. Hong Kong, 6.30 a.m. onwards.
Chess: Team (round 8): Men and women, 12.30 p.m.
Cricket: Men (semifinals): vs. Bangladesh (6.30 a.m.).
Hockey: Men (final): vs. Japan (4 p.m.).
Kabaddi: Semifinals: Women: vs. Nepal (7 a.m.); Men: vs. Pakistan (12.30 p.m.).
Wrestling: Freestyle: Men: 57kg (Aman), 65kg (Bajrang); Women: 62kg (Sonam), 68kg (Radhika), 76kg (Kiran), 7.30 a.m. onwards.

India women come a cropper against China in the semifinals

HOCKEY

Aashin Prasad
HANGZHOU

With a place in the final at stake and a chance to secure Paris Olympics 2024 quota, India women turned in a performance to forget in its 0-4 thrashing against host China in the women's hockey semifinal here on Thursday.

India, which entered the tournament as the top seed, had a fairly comfortable passage up until the last-four stages, but came unstuck in a high-stakes game. China dominated India with its speed and passing, while the away side misplaced its passes and kept running into Chinese defenders. Things only clicked for India when it went 0-2 down but China held onto its lead before adding two more goals.

India goalkeeper Savita Punia was called into action in the opening quarter when she had to make a save from a penalty corner off Ning Ma's dragflick. But a slight variation from the fourth penalty corner in the 26th and good fortune gave China the lead before half-time.

He Jiangxin passed the ball slightly to the left to create room for Zhong Jiaqi to fire in her dragflick, which took a deflection from Nikki Pradhan, and went into the net.

In the second half, China doubled its lead from another penalty corner. Then India had two penalty corner shots were ruled out for dangerous height.

In the 55th minute, China gave itself more breathing space when a counter-attack from the left led to a shot at Savita's goal, where she made a save but Liang Meiyu was on hand to poke home the rebound. India, then, unsuccessfully reviewed a penalty corner against it from which Gu Bingfeng added an exclamation point to the result.

India will now play in the bronze medal match.

Tough luck: India came unstuck in a high-stakes game.

THE INDIA SHOW

A look at some of the Indian performances on Thursday:
Archery: Gold medal matches: Compound team: Men: bt South Korea; **Women:** bt Chinese Taipei.
Athletics: Men's marathon (final): Man Singh (eighth), Belliappa (12th).
Badminton: Quarterfinals: Women: Singles: Sindhu lost to Bingjiao (Chn) 0-2.
Men: Singles: Prannoy bt Jia (Mas) 2-1, Doubles: Satwiksairaj & Chirag bt Nge & Prajogo (Sgp) 2-0.
Chess: Team (round 7): Men: bt Vietnam; **Women:** drew with Kazakhstan.
Hockey: Women (semifinal): lost to China 0-4.
Kabaddi: Men: Group A: bt Chinese Taipei 50-27; bt Japan 56-30.
Squash: Gold medal matches: Singles: Men: Ghosal lost to Yow (Mas) 1-3, **won silver**; **Mixed doubles:** Dipika & Harinder bt Aifa & Syafiq (Mas) 2-0.
Wrestling: Bronze medal matches: Women: Freestyle: 53kg: Antim bt Bolortuya (Mgl); 50kg: Pooja lost to Keunimjaeva (Uzb); 57kg: Mansi lost to Sobirova (Uzb); **Men:** Greco-Roman: 130kg: Naveen lost to Minseok (Kor).

Conway, Ravindra's tons leave England battered

The New Zealand duo's 273-run unfinished partnership for the second wicket hands the team a nine-wicket victory with 82 balls remaining; Root's brisk half-century goes in vain for Buttler's men

ODI WORLD CUP

Ayan Acharya
AHMEDABAD

Sequels in film deliver rarely, the same holds for sport. England found that out with its nine-wicket defeat on Thursday. The first half of the 2023 ODI World Cup opener at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad resembled the middle overs of an early-2000s ODIs, with fall of quick wickets punctuated by rotation of strike and smattering of big hits.

The match needed a moment to elevate it, and Devon Conway's 152 and Rachin Ravindra's 123, during a 283 chase, provided just that.

Colour contrast

From the time Ravindra pulled a 148-kmph thunderbolt from Mark Wood for six, there was a feeling of the colour contrast being turned up.

Ravindra punched off the front foot and the back foot and was dismissive against spin, carting a total of nine boundaries en route to his fifty – four more than any England batter could manage.

Tangoing duo: Conway and Ravindra matched each other stroke for stroke in their match-winning association in the middle. VIJAY SONEJI

What was transpiring at the other end was sheer wizardry too. Conway was reeling off shots of every variety in all directions, racking up an 83-ball 100. England bowlers were either too full or too short to him, which allowed Conway to pick his spot and pierce it at will.

And by the time Ravindra racked up the fastest hundred for the Black Caps at an ODI World Cup, off 82 balls, the result for England was a depressing inevitability.

Earlier, batting first, Joe Root's languid 86-ball 77, his fourth half-century since the last ODI World Cup, held the England innings together.

Although he was cleanbowled, trying to reverse sweep a yorker from offspinner Glenn Phillips (3-0-17-2), Root could well become Bazball's spirit animal for this tournament: bold but not asinine.

After all, the line between bravado and stupidity can be wafer thin.

Harry Brook, replacing injured Ben Stokes, proved it when he gave into a sudden rush of testosterone, having already smashed 14 off three balls, to get caught off a ranklong hop from left-arm spinner Ravindra – a greed whetted by five similar hit-me balls before that.

Moeen Ali's promotion to counter left-arm spinners backfired when Phillips clean-bowled him. But Jos Buttler's 43 provided a thrust, as he targetted the fourth bowler.

The Kiwis were forced to extract 20 overs from batting all-rounders in the absence of an injured Lockie Ferguson.

Ravindra and Neesham struggled, conceding a combined 132 runs in 17 overs.

England's punchy tail failed to wag, with Boult, Henry, and Santner making crucial breakthroughs. Santner's varied pace yielded two for 37 without conceding a boundary, while Henry mixed up his lengths effectively for his three for 48.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND

Jonny Bairstow c Mitchell b Santner 33 *(35b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Dawid Malan c Latham b Henry 14 *(24b, 2x4)*, Joe Root b Phillips 77 *(86b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Harry Brook c Conway b Ravindra 25 *(16b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Moeen Ali b Phillips 11 *(17b, 1x4)*, Jos Buttler c Latham b Henry 43 *(42b, 2x4, 2x6)*, Liam Livingstone c Henry b Boult 20 *(22b, 3x4)*, Sam Curran c Latham b Henry 14 *(19b)*, Chris Woakes c Young b Santner 11 *(12b, 1x4)*, Adil Rashid (not out) 15 *(13b, 1x6)*, Mark Wood (not out) 13 *(14b)*; Extras (w-6): 6; Total (for nine wkts. in 50 overs): 282.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-40 (Malan, 7.4 overs), 2-64 (Bairstow, 12.5), 3-94 (Brook, 16.6), 4-118 (Moeen, 21.2), 5-188 (Buttler, 33.2), 6-221 (Livingstone, 38.5), 7-229 (Root, 41.1), 8-250 (Woakes, 44.6), 9-252 (Curran, 45.4).

NEW ZEALAND BOWLING

Boult 10-1-48-1, Henry 10-1-48-3, Santner 10-0-37-2, Neesham 7-0-56-0, Ravindra 10-0-76-1, Phillips 3-0-17-2.

NEW ZEALAND

Devon Conway (not out) 152 *(121b, 19x4, 3x6)*, Will Young c Buttler b Curran 0 *(1b)*, Rachin Ravindra (not out) 123 *(96b, 11x4, 5x6)*; Extras (b-4, lb-1, w-3): 8; Total (for one wkt. in 36.2 overs): 283.

FALL OF WICKET

1-10 (Young, 1.1).

ENGLAND BOWLING

Woakes 6-0-45-0, Curran 6-2-47-1, Wood 5-0-55-0, Moeen 9.2-0-60-0, Adil Rashid 7-0-47-0, Livingstone 3-0-24-0.

Toss: New Zealand; **PoM:** Ravindra.

New Zealand won by nine wickets with 13.4 overs to spare.

Next assignment

New Zealand: Oct. 9 vs. **Netherlands** *Hyderabad, 2 p.m.*

England: Oct. 10 vs. **Bangladesh** *Dharamshala, 10.30 a.m.*

Ravindra underlines the efforts of the bowlers in restricting England

S. Dipak Ragav
AHMEDABAD

Rachin Ravindra might not have been a sure starter for New Zealand without an injury to skipper Kane Williamson, but on the opening day of the World Cup, he laid down the marker in stylish fashion as he slammed his maiden ODI hundred.

"It was pretty special, and to share it with Devon (Conway), my good mate, was very cool. It was a good game for us as a team," said Ravindra on the match-winning stand with his fellow left-hander.

Keeping it simple

Speaking about how the two went about their knocks, the 23-year-old said, "I think it was just keeping it pretty simple. The way me and Dev go about is to check in ball after ball and make sure what is important stays important instead of blindly trying to take someone down or do something rash."

The all-rounder also underscored the efforts of the bowlers to restrict England to less than 300, saying, "It is cool to have such world-class bowlers. The boys bowled tremendously. There were times when they built a partnership, and we would get a wicket, which helped us to restrict them to 280."

Lone-ranger: Root, who came up with a busy knock, lacked support from his teammates. VIJAY SONEJI

Meanwhile, England skipper Jos Buttler felt his side gifted wickets to the Kiwis and felt the execution was not up to the mark.

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> **BUTTLER**

"We were outplayed and it is a tough loss to take, but we have guys with lots of experience who have faced these things before. Just as we don't get too high when we win the game, we don't get too low when we lose as well," said Buttler.

"We were off with our execution and not clinical with our shotmaking, gifting wickets to them."

"Had we got 320-330, it would have allowed us to put some pressure. The wicket got slightly better under lights, but the margin of error was small on that pitch, and the two batters played exceptional innings," added Buttler.

Pakistan eyes a buoyant start against Netherlands after warm-up debacle

V.V. Subrahmanyam
HYDERABAD

Pakistan, despite losing its two warm-up matches against New Zealand and Australia, will be a different proposition altogether when the Netherlands takes on the former champion in their first match of the ICC World Cup at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium here on Friday.

Babar Azam has to lead from the front if Pakistan were to make an emphatic statement and will also need the other big names to strike it rich.

In the two warm-up games Pakistan played at this venue, its batters looked in fine touch with wicketkeeper-batter Mohammad Rizwan scoring a century against New Zealand and Babar once again showcasing his class even as the others like Iftikhar Ahmed, Mohammad Nawaz , Saud Shakeel reminded about their potential to play big knocks.

The Pakistan bowlers were disappointing in these games in batter-friendly conditions. But, cut to the present, they would strive to put up a worthy performance against The Netherlands. The pace attack has depth and variety and Pakistan badly needs it to live up to its potential to ensure a grand start.

On the other hand, the Netherlands had its warm-up matches washed out and is are short of match-practice, not having played any international after making the cut for this World Cup in July at the cost of two-times champion West Indies.

Captain and hard-hitting batter Scott Edwards could well look to write a fresh chapter in what is the fifth appearance for his team in a World Cup.

A lot depends on players like Edwards, Logan van Beek, Paul van Meekeran and Bas de Leede if the Dutch were to make a serious impact and ensure a winning start.

Key player: Pakistan will hope all-rounder Shadab comes good against the Netherlands. AFP

Today's match

Pakistan vs. Netherlands

Hyderabad, 2 p.m.

H2H IN ODIs

Played 6

Pakistan	Netherlands
6	0

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High: 33°C
Low: 21°C
Partly cloudy

SOURCE: IMD

At full tilt: The Dutch cricketers practise in right earnest on the eve of the Pakistan match. NAGARA GOPAL

Arthur backs a struggling Shadab and bowling unit

V.S. Aravind
HYDERABAD

Mickey Arthur, Pakistan's director of cricket has thrown his weight behind all-rounder Shadab Khan as Pakistan takes on the Netherlands in its World Cup opener at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium here on Friday.

The Pakistan vice-captain has struggled to make an impact in the two warm-up games that Pakistan played against New Zealand and Australia registering scores of 16 and 9 and picking just one wicket from the two outings.

Arthur, however, believes that the all-rounder needs one good match to make an impact.

"I wholeheartedly back Shadab's ability and he is a wonderful cricketer. He is exceptional, [but] a bit short of confidence. He is one performance away from getting the confidence back," Arthur said.

The overall form of the bowlers is also a cause for concern as Pakistan conceded 697 runs in the two warm-up games and struggled to make inroads.

"Form comes and goes but the quality of the players in the positions is undoubted. We are just making sure that those guys are there in a great space technically and mentally and, hopefully, they click tomorrow. I have no worry about the skills of the players," Arthur defending his bowlers said.

Netherlands' Bas de Leede is confident that his team will come up with a good show against Pakistan.

"I think we are excited and have the right prep for tomorrow's game," he said. "It's been a long time for us in the World Cups and it's a very young group and we are in the right space to play against Pakistan tomorrow and hopefully beat them," he added.

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Shreyas gets ready for short-pitched stuff

Rahul practises sweeps, reverse sweeps and slog hits; the intensity was high among all the batters despite the hot conditions during training

ODI WORLD CUP

Sahil Mathur
CHENNAI

K.L. Rahul practised just sweeps, reverse sweeps and slog hits in the side nets and Shreyas Iyer faced a barrage of short balls during India's training session on Thursday ahead of the opening game against Australia at M.A. Chidambaram Stadium.

Taking throwdowns – twice within a gap of 15 minutes – Rahul played attacking shots, often forcing the bowlers to take evasive actions.

For Shreyas, the focus was more on his ability to play the short-pitch deliveries.

He then took a 15-minute break before getting back to work on his pull and hook shots with Dravid using a racquet and a few tennis balls to simulate steep bounce.

Post his second break, Shreyas faced throwdown specialists Raghu (right-arm), Dayanand Garani (right-arm), and Nuwan Seneviratne (left-arm) for a quick hit before finally packing up.

The intensity was high among all the batters despite the hot conditions in the afternoon training session, which lasted nearly three-and-a-half hours.

R. Ashwin was the first to enter the nets, and batted alongside Jasprit Bumrah for nearly 20 minutes, exchanging the position every five minutes.

While the fast bowler focused more on timing the ball, Ashwin looked to hit the ball hard.

The bowlers, on the other hand, were trying to preserve their energy and only had short bursts at full intensity. The fast bowlers were trying to bowl defensive hard lengths, while operating with the semi-new Kookaburra ball. Bowling coach Paras Mhambrey was constantly talking to pacers Mohammed Shami, Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, and all-rounder Hardik Pandya as they tried to challenge the batters with match-simulation field settings.

While Shreyas was challenged with mid-on and mid-off up, Hardik, when he came into bat, was challenged with fielders at long-on and long-off. The session ended with Hardik having a hit along with Shardul Thakur and Kuldeep Yadav in the adjacent nets.

Bubbling with energy: Kohli, despite the hot conditions, enjoyed the practice session in Chennai on Thursday. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Smith has a marathon stint at the Chepauk nets

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Steve Smith just doesn't want to get out of the nets.

The Australia No. 3 walked out to bat after captain Pat Cummins and Mitchell Marsh finished their sessions and exited the nets long after Alex Carey, who began batting with him, had left the ground. Cameron Green was almost done by then, and Marnus Labuschagne was halfway through his session.

In Australia's nearly three-hour evening session that began with 40 minutes of warm-up, football, and fielding drills at M.A. Chidambaram Stadium on Thursday, Smith batted close to an hour.

He launched into almost every bowler with clean hitting and orthodox play.

Playing in familiar pitches has its advantages, says Cummins

Sankar Narayanan E.H.
CHENNAI

Australia captain Pat Cummins said he was optimistic about his side's performance in Indian conditions as the team tries to reclaim the ODI World Cup crown and add to its record of five titles.

"It feels like we've got plenty of game-time coming into the World Cup. We had ODIs in South Africa, India, and the warm-up games," said Cummins during an event hosted by Carrera Eyewear here on Thursday.

Cummins also touched upon whether playing an ODI series against the host and having players who have plenty of IPL experience will negate India's home advantage. "It's pretty similar for most teams. Playing with the crowd's support and on familiar pitches does have its advantages, but these aren't totally foreign conditions for us as well," he said.

"We are confident going into the match against India. We had a good win in our third ODI, playing a side which is probably close to our strongest XI," he added.

Australia will not have the services of the injured Travis Head for at least three weeks. "Yeah, it's not ideal. But we feel really confident with the 14 that we have. If anything happens, we can always sub in another guy."

Clear vision: Cummins is confident that his team has the firepower to go all the way. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Cummins' men will also have to deal with the absence of a second specialist spinner behind Adam Zampa. "It's unfortunate that Ashton Agar (injured) has missed out. But we have the off-spin of Glenn Maxwell and he is good enough to bowl 10 overs," said the 30-year-old.

With injuries to keep an eye on, apart from a hectic schedule, Cummins said his side was focused on managing the players' workload.

Australia squares off against India, South Africa, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan in its first four games, all in the span of 12 days. "We're going to have to play them at some time in the tournament and we might as well play them right at the start. We know that if we do well against these sides, it will show us that we are on the right track."

Newcastle thrashes PSG; City at ease against Leipzig

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Associated Press
GENEVA

Newcastle capped a stellar day for Saudi Arabia's football project with a 4-1 win over Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions League on Wednesday that left Kylian Mbappe a picture of despair.

Hours before kickoff at Newcastle, Saudi Arabia became the strong favourite to host the 2034 World Cup in a fast-track bidding contest opened by FIFA.

Newcastle has raced to the top of the tough Group F where AC Milan drew 0-0 at Borussia Dortmund

Manchester City won 3-1 at Leipzig and sits atop Group G standings with lower-ranked Red Star Belgrade and Young Boys drawing 2-2. Barcelona also earned a second straight win, 1-0 at Porto.Lazio scored a stoppage-time winning goal at Celtic in a 2-1 victory. Atletico outlasted Feyenoord 3-2.

Team effort: Newcastle United players are agog with excitement after their convincing win over PSG. AFP

The results: Group E: Atletico Madrid 3 (Morata 12, 47, Griezmann 45+4) bt Feyenoord 2 (Hermoso 7-og, Hancko 34); Celtic 1 (Furuhashi 12) lost to Lazio 2 (Vecino 29, Pedro 90+5).

Group F: Borussia Dortmund 0 drew with AC Milan 0; Newcastle United 4 (Almiron 17, Burn 39, Longstaff 50, Schar 90+1) bt Paris Saint-Germain 1 (Hernandez 56).

Group G: RB Leipzig 1 (Openda 48) lost to Manchester City 3 (Foden 25, Alvarez 84, Doku 90+2); Red Star Belgrade 2 (Ndiaye 35, Bukari 88) drew with Young Boys 2 (Ugrinic 48, Itten 61-pen).

Group H: Antwerp 2 (Muja 3, Balikwisha 33) lost to Shakhtar Donetsk 3 (Sikan 48, 76, Rakitskyy 71); Porto 0 lost to Barcelona 1 (Torres 45+1).

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श्री सांवलियाजी मंदिर मण्डल, मण्डफिया द्वारा अनगढ़ बावजी के स्थान पर सेल्फ सपोर्टेड शेड निर्माण एवं बागुण्ड-अनगढ़ बावजी-मावरा-कुरेठा सड़क सुदृढ़ीकरण व चौड़ाईकरण कार्य (कुल 02 कार्यों) हेतु उपयुक्त विभाग व श्रेणी एवं निविदा की प्रकृति के अनुरुप पंजिकृत व अनुभवी संवेदकों से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट प्रक्रिया के माध्यम से ऑनलाईन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रपत्र व सम्बन्धित विवरण व अन्य शर्तें इन्टरनेट वेबसाईट www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in तथा sppp.raj.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है। ऑनलाईन निविदा प्रपत्र www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर दिनांक 06.10.2023 को प्रातः 09:00 बजे से उपलब्ध होकर दिनांक 15.10.2023 सायं 06:00 बजे तक ऑनलाईन जमा किये जा सकते है। निविदाओं का निविदा शुल्क, धरोहर राशि व प्रोसेसिंग फीस श्री सांवलियाजी मंदिर मण्डल के बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा, शाखा-मण्डफिया के खाता क्रमांक 52430100000001 IFSC- BARB0MANDPH में RTGS/NEFT/IMPS/UPI के माध्यम से जमा करवानी होगी। ऑनलाईन प्राप्त निविदाओं का तकनिकी भाग दिनांक 16.10.2023 को दोपहर 12:00 बजे मंदिर मण्डल के चित्तौड़गढ़ कलेक्ट्रेट परिसर कमरा नं0 04 में स्थित कार्यालय में ऑनलाईन खोली जावेगी।
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TENDER ALERT
1)E-TENDER NOTICE NO.-ED-CZ-01/2023-24 : Bids are invited under single stage two envelop system from reputed EPC/Turnkey Contractors for the work PCC and Metal spreading with Brick guard wall of the 220kV Switchyard, Auto Transformer, Power and Station Transformer areas at 220/132/33kV Grid S/S Chandaka, under EHT(O&M) Division,Bhubaneswar under Central Zone, Bhubaneswar at an Estimated cost of Rs.1.28 Crore.
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BENGALURU LOCALS

Bengaluru FC defeats Sporting Club

Bengaluru FC defeated Sporting Club Bengaluru 2-1 in the BDFA Super Division men's football league here on Thursday.

The results:

BFC 2 (P. Ankith 13, Ronex Metei 83) bt Sporting Club Bengaluru 1 (Arif Shaikh 45).

FC Agniputra 6 (Omega Vana 29, 66, M. Rahul 30, Lalnunzama 69, Nikhil Raj 87, 90+7) bt Bangalore Independants 2 (R. Shivakuamr 11, Sathishkumar 74).

Umadevi clinches the 6-red snooker title

R. Umadevi emerged as the State ranking 6-red snooker tournament champion here. In the sub junior boys' snooker event, Mayank Karthik took out Mustafa 79-16, 72-15 in the final to win the title.

The results:

State ranking women's 6-red snooker: Aradhana Naik bt Rachel Joseph 35-33, 46-14, 37-36; R. Umadevi bt Madhavi Murlidhar 58-1, 49-0, 41-4.

R. Umadevi bt Vidya Pillai 28-20, 36-16, 10-57, 53-19; Rachel Joseph bt Madhavi Muralidha r47-13, 45-15, 34-1

Final rankings: 1. R. Umadevi, 2. Vidya Pillai, 3. Aradhana Naik, 4. Rachel Joseph, 5. Madhavi Murlidhar.

Sub-junior boys snooker: Final: Mayank Karthik bt Mustafa 79-16, 72-15.

Kemp Football edges out Rebels FC 3-2

Kemp Football edged out Rebels FC 3-2 in the KSFA women's Super Division football league here on Thursday.

The results:

Kemp Football 3 (Lalrinmawii 35, D. Sathya 39, Vanlalnghaki 90) bt Rebels FC 2 (Takhelmayum Sanatombi 28, Balaswori Devi 56).

Misaka United FC 1 (Pemayanchen 85) bt Matru Pratishtana 0.

LIVE TELECAST

Asian Games: Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3 & 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 6.30 a.m. onwards

Men's Cricket World Cup: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 2 p.m.

ISL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 8 p.m.

Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 10 p.m. & 12.15 a.m. (Saturday)

Formula One: Qatar GP (Qualifying), F1 TV & F1 TV Pro App, 10.30 p.m.

Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12 a.m. (Saturday)

LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 12.30 a.m. (Saturday)

AIFF puts its weight behind Stimac, extends his stay as head coach till June 2026

The national body also heeds the Croatian's suggestion and lengthens assistant coach Gawli's contract while also appointing him as chief coach of the under-23 team

Strong view: Stimac feels the national team is the most important part of the football ecosystem in India and he will be pleased to have Gawli, right, continue along with him in coaching duties. AFP, K. MURALI KUMAR

FOOTBALL

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

Igor Stimac, the head coach of the senior national men's football team, has been asked to continue in his position till June 2026. The All India Football federation announced the contract extension much before it was to end (after the Asian Cup in January '24) to give the former Croatian World Cupper, who has been in the post since May 2019, time to prepare the National team for the 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifiers.

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> IGOR STIMAC

The AIFF also heeded Stimac's suggestion of extending the contract of his assistant and former India international Mahesh Gawli, who was also named the head coach of the National men's under-23 team.

"I deeply appreciate the trust shown in me as well as the staff. It is also a validation of the trust they have in the process. We have been in discussions for a few days now, with everyone putting all their cards on the table," Stimac said during a virtual media interaction hosted by AIFF to announce his contract extension.

The announcement also brought an end to the speculations surrounding the future of the Croatian gaffer, who has been voicing his discontent on social media after the Indian Super League clubs refused to release players for the Asian Games where India made an early exit after losing to Saudi Arabia in the round-of-16 stage.

"I would like everyone to recognise that the national team is the most important part of the football ecosystem in India. No club or league can garner that kind of support and bring together so many different groups of fans together. The purpose of every development activity in India should be aimed at creating a strong national team, which needs to find its place in a big world and continental events like the World Cup, Asian Cup and Asian Games," Stimac said when he was asked to comment on the commitments he was looking from the national federation as the National coach.

"It is therefore very necessary to ensure that the National team gets good preparation. I am not counting the days ahead of us, but ensuring that the days ahead count. I am sure the various stakeholders will appreciate this fact and take responsibility," he added.

Sticking to his strengths: Kaverappa says he understands that he has to be consistent like McGrath to succeed. FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

Kaverappa trying to emulate McGrath's accuracy, Steyn's pace

IRANI CUP

S. Prasanna Venkatesan
RAJKOT

24-year-old Vidwath Kaverappa is a stickler for accuracy. He admits that he does "try to base his bowling" on Glenn McGrath's. Like McGrath, he doesn't have tearaway pace and bowls in the early 130s.

"I know that I don't have the added advantage of extra pace like Navdeep (Saini). So, I know I have to be consistent and that I have to make the batter's life somehow difficult. This is why I stick to my line and length, that's what I'm known for even back home in Karnataka as well," he said during the Irani Cup match here on Monday.

But he idolises Dale Steyn. He's even tried to change his bowling action to "semi-side-on" like the South African legend. "But it didn't work for me. So, I stopped it. I'm a proper front-on bowler," he says. There is one thing from Steyn that he's been trying to incorporate, though.

"I know I have the potential to bowl faster. I'm working on it. It'll come out slowly, you can't expect me to jump from 130 kph to 140 kph all of a sudden. It'll come on its own. I'm waiting for it. I know it'll come some day and that day is pretty soon!"

The one thing that he most admires in Steyn is his run-up. "His run-up is one of the most beautiful, most smooth, rhythmical run-up I've ever seen!"

When suggested that he too has a visually pleasing smooth run-up, he says: "I try to base it on his (Steyn's) run-up. It's not as smooth as his, but I'm trying to work on it."

It could be said that Kaverappa has been fast-tracked into the Karnataka State squad.

"I used to go bowl to the senior team whenever they used to have their nets. All of a sudden Prasidh (Krishna) was drafted into the Indian team. They gave me a call, and I didn't know what was happening and I just went with the flow."

It's West Brook vs. Touch Of Grey in the Mysore 2000 Guineas

MYSURU: West Brook and Touch Of Grey may fight out the finish of the Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club Mysore 2000 Guineas (1,600m), the chief event of the races to be held here on Friday (Oct 6). There will be no false rails.

1 SECUNDERABAD PLATE (1,100m), rated 20 to 45, 2-00 p.m.: 1. Victoriano (12) Inayat 61, 2. Twilight Fame (6) Kiran Rai 60, 3. Meraki (8) Antony 59.5, 4. Milos (3) Angad 59.5, 5. Maybury (1) Madhu Sudhan 59, 6. Coorg General (7) B. Dharshan 57, 7. Nishk (10) M. Rajesh K 54.5, 8. Blooming Lily (4) A.K. Aniket 53.5, 9. Rich Strike (2) A. Merchant 53.5, 10. Shooting Venus (9) Arshad 53, 11. Square Cut (5) Brijesh K 52 and 12. Valkyrie (11) Faiz 52.

1. VICTORIANO, 2. TWILIGHT FAME, 3. MERAKI

2 JUSTICE P.MEDAPA MEMORIAL TROPHY (DIV. II), (1,600m), rated 20 to 45, 2-30: 1. Armory (7) Kiran Rai 60, 2. Vijaya Sarathi (5) Md. Mushraf 58, 3. My Visionary (3) Darshan 57.5, 4. Tigerking (8) P. Siddaraju 57.5, 5. Avicena (4) Antony 57, 6. Kesari Queen (11) Samundra S 57, 7. Thewhisperquietly (6) A. Ramu 56.5, 8. Vardaan (9) S. Saqlain 56.5, 9. Great Hope (12) L.A. Rozario 55.5, 10. Vandan (10) J. Paswan 55.5, 11. Squanto (1) Anagd 54 and 12. Deemed To Fire (2) M. Rajesh K 53.5.

1. AVICENA, 2. ARMORY, 3. TIGERKING

3 MAJ. SARDAR L. MAHADEVAIAH MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 3-00: 1. Golden Time (9) Koshi K 60, 2. Moonlight Queen (4) P. Siddaraju 60, 3. Super Ruffian (1) Inayat 57.5, 4. Mystic Eye (12) Shreyas S 56.5, 5. Prime Abbess (5) G. Vivek 56.5, 6. Real Show (11) M. Rajesh K 56.5, 7. Minx (6) Kiran Rai 56, 8. Black Coffee (7) S. Mubarak 55.5, 9. Jabbar (10) Madhu Sudhan 54.5, 10. Yasmin From York (3) Vinod Shinde 54, 11. Ankush (8) Angad 52 and 12. The Omega man (2) S. Shareef 52.

1. PRIME ABBESS, 2. GOLDEN TIME, 3. YASMIN FROM YORK

4 JUSTICE P. MEDAPA MEMORIAL TROPHY (DIV. I), (1,600m), rated 20 to 45, 3-30: 1. Mystical Merkabah (7) Kiran Rai 62, 2. Flamingo Dancer (10) Koshi K 61.5, 3. What Is This (1) M. Rajesh K 61.5, 4. Serai (4) S. John 60, 5. Fearless Joey (9) Suraj 59, 6. Inexhaustible (8) Angad 58, 7. Coyote Girl (3) Neeraj 57.5, 8. White Roses (5) Antony 57, 9. My Vision (2) Arshad 56.5, 10. Antinori (–) (–) 54.5 and 11. Colossal (–) (–) 51.

1. FEARLESS JOEY, 2. WHITE ROSES, 3. SERAI

5 JAYACHAMARAJA WADIYAR GOLF CLUB MYSORE 2000 GUINEAS (1,600m), 3-y-o, (Terms), 4-00: 1. Magnus (8) Srinath 56, 2. Mystic Bond (1) Neeraj 56, 3. Red Falcon (4) Antony 56, 4. River Of Gold (9) G. Vivek 56, 5. Star Concept (5) M. Prabhakaran 56, 6. Touch Of Grey (2) Suraj 56, 7. Vivaldo (7) Trevor 56, 8. Auspicious Queen (3) Angad 54.5 and 9. West Brook (6) Akshay K 54.5.

1. WEST BROOK, 2. TOUCH OF GREY, 3. AUSPICIOUS QUEEN

6 G. NITYANAND MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4-30: 1. Clyde Star (12) A. Merchant 56, 2. Dark Chocolate (11) B. Dharshan 56, 3. Eloquent (1) Srinath 56, 4. Kalashnikov (6) M. Rajesh K 56, 5. King Of Kesari (9) Shreyas S 56, 6. One Diamond (8) Vinod Shinde 56, 7. Seolfor Bullet (7) Neeraj 56, 8. Dame Fonteyn (13) Angad 54.5, 9. Epsom Downs (2) S. Shareef 54.5, 10. Golden Bird (10) Salman Khan 54.5, 11. Janeiro (4) S. Saqlain 54.5, 12. Sensational Title (5) Arshad 54.5 and 13. Sparkling Night (3) G. Vivek 54.5.

1. KING OF KESARI, 2. JANEIRO, 3. SEOLFOR BULLET

7 DUPONT PLATE (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 5-00: 1. N R I Touch (4) M. Shahid 61, 2. Natural One (6) Inayat 60.5, 3. Crimson Fire (10) Shezad Khan 60, 4. Facets Of Life (1) Faiz 59.5, 5. Country's Light (8) Afsar Khan 57.5, 6. D Thirteen Twelve (9) Tousif 56, 7. Catalina (2) Antony 55.5, 8. Country Magic (7) Srinath 55, 9. Jaguar (3) A.k. Aniket 54 and 10. Sky Storm (5) Kiran Rai 53.5.

1. NATURAL ONE, 2. SKY STORM,3. CATALINA

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Shamrock takes honours

MYSURU: S. Narredu-trained Shamrock (Suraj Narredu up) won the Rajakumari Leelavathi Devi Memorial Trophy, the feature event of the races held here on Thursday (Oct. 5). The winner is owned by M/s. M. Ravi, Daulat Chhabria, K. Kaliyaperumal & Mrs. R Chellam.

THE RESULTS:

1. COORG PLATE (DIV. II): APOLLO LIGHT (P. Surya) 1, Perfect Halo (M. Rajesh K) 2, Chiraag (S. John) 3 and Swiss Tigress (Md. Mushraf) 4. Not run: Hurrem. 2-1/4, Shd and 2-1/4. 1m, 11.91s. ₹266 (w), 41, 14 and 14 (p), SHP: 47, THP: 76, FP: 3,187, Q: 2,801, Trinella: 23,744, Exacta: 32,829 (carried over). Favourite: Chiraag. Owners: M/s. Kumaraswamy M.S. & M. Satyanarayana. Trainer: B. Prithviraj.

2. COORG PLATE (DIV. I): ELEVADO (Shreyas S) 1, Star Azeem (Shezad Khan) 2, Rumour Lady (Tousif) 3 and Mystical Merlin (A.K. Aniket) 4. 3, 1-1/2 and 1-1/4. 1m, 12.10s. ₹26 (w), 14, 16 and 24 (p), SHP: 26, THP: 75, FP: 73, Q: 27, Trinella: 519, Exacta: 1,490. Favourite: Elevado. Owner: Mr. M. Satyanarayana. Trainer: Bipin Salvi.

3. JAGANMOHANA PALACE PLATE (DIV. II): SEKHMET (Hindu S) 1, Cinco De Mayo (S. Shareef) 2, Embosom (A.K. Aniket) 3 and Eco Friendly (A. Ramu) 4. Not run: Leopard. 1, 2-1/2 and 1-1/4. 1m, 23.54s. ₹23 (w), 16, 16 and 17 (p), SHP: 57, THP: 56, FP: 146, Q: 57, Trinella: 736, Exacta: 4,147. Favourite: Sekhmet. Owner: Mr. Vasanth Kumar T.S. Trainer: Kishan Thomas.

4. HOTEL RRR TROPHY: FERRETTI (Srinath) 1, Land Of Gold (S. Saqlain) 2, Benghazi (Angad) 3 and Indian Glory (Inayat) 4. 1-1/4, 1/2 and 3-1/4. 1m, 22.67s. ₹26 (w), 15, 13 and 12 (p), SHP: 37, THP: 42, FP: 50, Q: 30, Trinella: 194, Exacta: 441. Favourite: Ferretti. Owner: Manjri Horse Breed`s Farm Pvt Ltd rep by Mr. Pallon S. Mistry. Trainer: M. Eshwer.

5. RAJAKUMARI LEELAVATHI DEVI MEMORIAL TROPHY: SHAMROCK (Suraj) 1, Forseti (Antony) 2, Prince Corporate (S. Saqlain) 3 and Segera (Angad) 4. 1-1/4, 4 and 1/2. 1m, 33.45s. ₹13 (w), 10, 17 and 28 (p), SHP: 28, THP: 48, FP: 33, Q: 31, Trinella: 297, Exacta: 1,380. Favourite: Shamrock. Owners: M/s. M. Ravi, Daulat Chhabria, K. Kaliyaperumal & Mrs. R Chellam. Trainer: S. Narredu.

6. MEERUT PLATE: THE KING N I (Koshi K) 1, Devils Magic (Inayat) 2, Lauterbrunnen (Angad) 3 and Golden Vision (S. Shareef) 4. 3-1/4, Nk and 1-1/4. 1m, 03.52s (record time). ₹33 (w), 13, 13 and 16 (p), SHP: 25, THP: 51, FP: 133, Q: 29, Trinella: 221, Exacta: 871. Favourite: Devils Magic. Owner: Mr. Dinesh Kumar K. Trainer: Warren Singh.

7. JAGANMOHANA PALACE PLATE (DIV. I): HIGH OPINION (Hindu S) 1, Super Gladiator (Inayat) 2, Peluche (S. John) 3 and Striking Memory (Vinod Shinde) 4. 2, Nk and 2. 1m, 23.65s. ₹56 (w), 26, 27 and 11 (p), SHP: 44, THP: 59, FP: 512, Q: 286, Trinella: 841, Exacta: 1,164. Favourite: Peluche. Owners: Mr. M. Sridhar & Seabliss Racing LLP. Trainer: Pradeep Annaiah.

Jackpot: ₹3,412 (seven tkts.); Runner-up: 117 (87 tkts.); Mini Jackpot: 1,463 (three tkts.); Treble (i): 431 (eight tkts.); (ii): 404 (eight tkts.).

SNAPSHOTS

Karan puts its past Vishnu, enters the last four

NEW DELHI: Karan Rastogi served and stroked with robust energy to outwit former champion Vishnu Vardhan 6-4, 6-4 in the men's quarterfinals, and set up a clash against defending champion Manish Sureshkumar, of the Fenesta National tennis championship at the DLTA Complex on Thursday.

The results (quarterfinals):

Men: Ishaque Eqbal bt Abhinav Sanjeev Shanmugam 7-6(5), 7-6(2); Siddharth Vishwakarma bt V.M. Ranjeet 6-4, 6-1; Manish Sureshkumar bt Nitin Kumar Sinha 6-2, 6-1; Karan Singh bt Vishnu Vardhan 6-4, 6-4.

Women: Vaidehi Chaudhari bt Lakshmi Prabha 6-2, 6-3; Sandeepti Singh Rao bt Akanksha Nitture 7-5, 4-6, 6-2; Vaishnavi Adkar bt Sejal Bhutada 6-2, 6-1; Shrivalli Bhamidipaty bt Sai Samhitha 6-0, 6-1.

Under-18 boys: Arjun Rathi bt Suresh Keerthivassan 1-6, 7-5, 6-1; Rushil Khosla bt Kashit Nagrale 6-2, 6-2; Samarth Sahita bt Shanker Heisnam 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; Cahir Warik bt Manish Yadav 6-2, 6-0.

Under-18 girls: Harithashree Venkatesh bt Sonal Patil 6-2, 2-6, 6-4; Aishwarya Jadhav bt Maaya Rajeshwaran 6-2, 6-3; Diya Ramesh bt Aakruti Sonkusare 6-1, 6-2; Suhitha Maruri bt Asmi Adkar 6-2, 5-7, 7-5.

Ayush and Tara in pre-quarterfinals of World Jr. badminton

SPOKANE (USA): Indian shuttlers Ayush Shetty and Tara Shah notched up wins to advance to the round-of-16 on day three of the BWF World Junior Championships on Thursday.

In girls' singles, third seed Tara beat Canada's Alena Yu 23-21, 21-16, while Ayush showed great composure to register a 21-14, 13-21, 21-19 win over Indonesia's Muhammad Reza Al Fajri in the boys' section.

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